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SPACEX LAUNCHES MISSION TO BRING BACK SUNITA WILLIAMS

Falcon 9 rocket carrying Dragon spacecraft lifted off from Cape Canaveral with NASA astronaut Nick Hague and Russian cosmonaut Alexander Gorbunov on board, leaving two seats empty for Sunita Williams and Butch Wilmore. The spacecraft will return with all four in February 2025. By then, Williams and Wilmore will have logged over eight months in space | AFP

After Nasrallah, deputy chief dies in Israeli strike

Blow to Hezbollah's command structure as 7th high-profile leader, Qaouk, eliminated

AGENCIES

TWO days after Hezbollah suffered its biggest blow in recent times in the loss of its long-time chief Hassan Nasrallah, another high-profile leader of the Lebanese group was killed in an Israeli air strike on Sunday.

Nabil Qaouk, the deputy head of Hezbollah's Central Council was the seventh senior Hezbollah leader to be killed in Israeli attacks in a little over a week. Hezbollah has confirmed Qaouk's death. He was killed in a targeted strike on Beirut on Sunday.

Qaouk was one of the earliest members of Hezbollah and led the force against Israel in the 2006 war. Since 2020, he was under US sanctions for his involvement in Hezbollah's activities.

"Qaouk was close to Hezbollah's senior commanders and was directly engaged in terrorist attacks against the State of Israel and its citizens," Israel Defense Forces (IDF) said in a post on X. In the post announcing his death, IDF warned that it will continue to strike and eliminate the Hezbollah commanders.

Sheik Nabil Qaouk

Iran seeks UNSC meet

Iran on Sunday sought a meeting of the United Nations Security Council to discuss the killing of Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah and Israel's ongoing attacks on Lebanon

Hezbollah also confirmed on Sunday that another senior commander Ali Karaki was among those killed along with Nasrallah in Friday's attack. Among other senior figures killed recently are Nasrallah's right-hand man Fuad Shukr, head of the elite Radwan Force Ibrahim Aqil.

Israel has stepped up its attacks on Lebanon in recent days, carrying out a number of air strikes on targets in southern Lebanon and other parts of the country.

Reports quoting Lebanon's health ministry said 50 people were killed on Sunday in Israeli raids in Baalbek-Hermel. Israel said it hit over 120 Hezbollah targets in the latest attacks. P9

'Would have given Pak more money than IMF...'

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

DEFENCE Minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday said that India could have given a larger bail-out package to Pakistan than what it is begging from the IMF, had Islamabad maintained friendly relations with New Delhi.

"The money that Pakistan is begging from IMF, our government has spent more money than that in Jammu and Kashmir," Singh said while addressing an election rally in border area of Gurez, close to the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday.

The IMF recently approved $7 billion to Pakistan under a 37-month loan programme, with $1 billion earmarked for immediate disbursement.

"I am saying to my Pakistani friends, why are you keeping distance from us. You are our neighbouring country. Our beloved leader and former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee used to say that you can change the friends but not the neighbours," Singh said.

Rajnath Singh

The defence minister said that whatever money the central government spends in J&K, it is for the region's development and to improve the living standard of people.

"In contrast, Pakistan has been misusing the financial assistance granted to it by other countries. After taking money, Pakistan is running a factory of terrorism," he said.

In a stern warning to Pakistan, the defence minister said: "I want to tell them that if a big terrorist attack takes place in India then we will strike inside Pakistan".

J&K POLLS

CAMPAIGNING ENDS FOR FINAL PHASE

40 seats up for grabs

Voting on: Oct 1

415 no. of candidates

PARTIES IN THE FRAY: BJP, Congress, NC, PDP

MAJOR ISSUES: Statehood, Article 370, Jobs, Power tariff

RESULTS: OCTOBER 4

WON'T DIE TILL MODI IS REMOVED: KHARGE

Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge, 83, on Sunday fell unwell while addressing a poll rally in Kathua. After receiving medical attention, he said he is fine and won't die till Prime Minister Narendra Modi is removed from power. "I am 83 years, I am not going to die so early. I will stay alive until PM Modi is removed..." he said | P7

EXPRESS READ

Cop, terrorist killed in J&K encounter

Jammu: A terrorist, suspected to be affiliated with the Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) outfit, was killed in a remote village in Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Sunday. The body of the unidentified terrorist was recovered from the scene of the Saturday evening encounter at Kog-Mandli in Billawar tehsil, taking the death toll in the two-day operation to two. Head Constable Bashir Ahmad laid down his life and two officers were injured | P7

FIR filed against Snehamayi Krishna surfaces amidst his battle with Siddu

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

RTI activist **Snehamayi Krishna**, who recently secured a court order to register an FIR against Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in the MUDA site-allotment case, has found himself in a tight spot as it has come to light that criminal charges have been filed against him for allegedly harassing a woman.

Though the woman, Lavanya, filed a complaint with the Nanjangud police on August 21, 2024, and an FIR too was registered the same day, this news started doing the rounds since Saturday late evening in the light of Krishna's actions against Siddaramaiah.

Lavanya has alleged in her complaint that Krishna, along with other accused, attacked her, pulled her clothes, verbally abused her and issued her death threats, while she was returning home from court on July 18, 2024.

She has mentioned in the complaint that Krishna, along with her mother in-law, brother in-law and father-in-law, has been harassing her over a property dispute. This also involves claims over her husband's death benefits and her jewellery, which is currently under litigation. P4

Safety harness must for kids on bikes, violators to be fined soon

AKNISREE KARTHIK @ Bengaluru

THOUGH riders have to mandatorily wear a safety harness if they are taking children who are aged nine months to four years on two-wheelers, the majority of motorists are not aware of the rule. To make people fall in line, the state transport department said it will soon start slapping fines of Rs 1,000 on those violating the rule.

Venkatesh M, a private company employee, who is a father of two children -- both aged below four years, said, "We are not aware that such a rule exists. First, the transport department should create enough awareness about the importance of safety harnesses and also about the mandatory rule. Without creating awareness and giving motorists sufficient time, it is not fair to enforce the rule and levy hefty fines."

The rule mentions that the safety harness should be certified by the Bureau of Indian Standards and must have adjustable straps that can be altered to the size and weight of the child (up to 30 kg).

Additional Commissioner of Transport (Enforcement) Mallikarjun C told TNIE that the transport department will start enforcing the rule soon. "We have been creating awareness. Those riding with children have to use the harness to prevent kids from falling off the two-wheeler," he added. P2

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Gulikakala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • Yamaganda: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER
MIN 21°C | MAX 30°C
FORECAST
Afternoon clouds

Sunrise 06.08 am
Sunset 06.10 pm
Moonrise 04.09 am
Moonset 04.48 am

BDA STARTS GROUND WORK FOR BIZ CORRIDOR

Officials cross-checking land documents, will bring windfall for those who lost land

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

TO fast track Bangalore Development Authority's Rs 27,000-crore Bengaluru Business Corridor (previously known as Peripheral Ring Road) project, which received the Cabinet nod recently to raise loans from government lending institutions, the State government has ordered deputation of staff from other departments. The Authority is now busy sifting through land documents submitted by owners for compensation.

A Government Order was published, detailing multiple aspects pertaining to the Corridor. The project was proposed 19 years ago to decongest the city. The 73.03-km circular road, coming up on 2,560 acres of land, will begin from Tumakuru Road and pass via Doddaballapur Road, Ballari Road, Old Madras Road and Whitefield Road, before terminating at Hosur Road.

It will be a bonanza for those parting with their land for the project, as compensation will be paid under the provisions of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013. Landlosers will be paid double the market value for the land acquired.

A senior BDA official said, "We have started crosschecking documents submitted to us during land acquisition so that compensation can be paid to the rightful owners."

He said the lending agency will be finalised soon. "We are trying for funding from both Housing and Urban Development Corporation Limited (HUDCO) and REC Limited. Most probably, we will secure funds from HUDCO as it is willing to offer 100 per cent loan. However, we want HUDCO to reduce the 9% interest proposed, and are negotiating with it. REC conveyed its inability to bear the full project cost."

To ensure that shortage of manpower does not impact project work, the government has ordered deputation of staff from BBMP, PWD and other government departments, said another official. These cadres have been deputed for a one-year period: eight special land acquisition officers, eight tahsildars, eight deputy tahsildars, one assistant director for land records, 10 assistant engineers, one revenue inspector, eight first division assistants, eight surveyors, two survey supervisors and 16 data entry operators. Additionally, nine land acquisition officers of Dr Shivarama Karanth Layout (which is yet to be allotted) have been given additional charge of the BBC project.

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar was made head of the project earlier, but will now be replaced by a top bureaucrat.

BBMP plans separate bins for disposal of cigarette butts

AKNISREE KARTHIK @Bengaluru

THOUGH the Central Pollution Control Board laid down the guidelines for the scientific disposal of cigarette and 'bidi' butts in November 2022, it has not been implemented in the city yet.

"Thousands of cigarette butts are disposed of in the city every day. The butts contain harmful chemicals that enter drains, groundwater, soil and pollute the environment. To prevent environmental hazards that arise due to unmindful disposal of cigarette butts in the city, the BBMP, in line with the National Green Tribunal and CPCB guidelines, has come up with a micro plan for butt collection," said a source from the Palike.

As part of the micro plan, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), in association with the major cigarette manufacturer ITC, will place separate dustbins at hot spots in the city for the collection of cigarette butts. The butts will then be recycled through end-of-life methods such as waste-to-energy or co-processing. The onus is on the manufacturers to recycle the butts, and they too have agreed to it in a previous meeting with the BBMP, the source said. Steps are being taken by the state Tobacco Control Cell, falling under the Department of Health and Family Welfare, to get the disposal instructions printed on cigarette packs.

The civic body admitted that scientific collection of cigarette butts has been delayed and blamed cigarette manufacturers for the delay. It has sent a letter to the ITC to carry out the micro plan for butt disposal on a trial basis in two wards in Bengaluru.

The letter, a copy of which is with TNIE, written by the District Tobacco Control Programme, BBMP, dated September 19, instructed the company to take up the micro plan as agreed in its previous meeting with the civic body. If ITC fails to start the micro plan, the Palike stated that it will be forced to take action against the company.

A wall painting competition was held at Sir M Visvesvaraya Terminal on Sunday

City students bring SMVT stn to life with art on walls

Bengaluru: As part of the 'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign to raise awareness about cleanliness among the public, a wall painting competition was held for college students at Sir M Visvesvaraya Terminal on Sunday. In all, 11 teams from various colleges, including the School of Business and Management, Christ University, St Aloysius Degree College and PG Research Centre, St Paul's College, Brindavan College, ICAT Design Media College, BMS School of Architecture and Sheshadripuram First Grade College participated, said an official release. Parikshit Mohanpuria, Additional Divisional Railway Manager; Uma Sharma, Senior Divisional Personnel Officer, and Priya, Senior Divisional Environment & Housekeeping Manager, among others were present. Prizes will be distributed to the winners on Gandhi Jayanti. **ENS**

EVs beat diesel buses as pax top choice

AKNISREE KARTHIK @Bengaluru

MORE and more people are shifting their preference to electric buses over traditional diesel buses. Factors such as low noise levels and a price advantage compared to diesel buses are making travellers choose electric vehicles, and private bus operators are keen on electric buses due to the low operating costs associated with EV technology.

"Private bus fleet owners are showing great enthusiasm for electric buses, primarily driven by the low operating costs associated with EV technology and the growing relevance of transportation that is environmentally sustainable. Currently, two of the largest operators, Nuego and Fresh Bus, are actively integrating electric buses into their fleets, where both are available for booking on the AbhiBus app. The growing adoption and transition signifies the industry's growing commitment to sustainable travel and reducing carbon emissions," said Rohit Sharma, COO, AbhiBus. However, charging infrastructure presents a set of unique challenges, he admitted.

There has been a notable rise in customer preference for EV buses over traditional diesel buses. Bookings for EV buses have increased by 173% in the last year. An impressive 70% of passengers, who have travelled on electric buses in the past, have chosen to travel with them again, he said adding that factors such as frequent availability of buses, lower noise levels, and a price advantage (up to 40% cheaper compared to diesel buses) are driving this preference.

"EV buses produce 50 per cent lower Noise, Vibration and Humming (NVH) levels compared to new internal combustion engines (ICEs) and it is a remarkable reason for the shift to EV," Sharma said.

The most popular routes for electric buses are Hyderabad-Vijayawada, Indore-Bhopal and Delhi-Chandigarh, where we see maximum traction, Sharma said.

App to help farmers go organic, boost profits

RISHITA KHANNA @Bengaluru

MANY farmers hesitate to switch to organic farming, fearing significant losses due to lower yields during the initial transition. To address this, the International Competence Centre for Organic Agriculture (ICCOA) has designed a platform that not only educates farmers about the benefits of organic methods, but also connects them directly to consumers, ensuring both sustainable practices and profitable outcomes.

To overcome these challenges, ICCOA has developed an app that links farmers directly with consumers, to help them better understand demand. Farmers can list their available produce two days in advance on 'O2Bazaar', ensuring that orders are placed before harvest, reducing waste and maximising profits.

A majority of farmers mentioned that beyond yield concerns, they are wary of the steep initial investment and the uncertainty of market demand. Additionally, without a guaranteed market for their products, many farmers are reluctant to take the leap, fearing their efforts might not lead to steady profits.

To address these concerns, ICCOA came up with Jaivik Vigyan Kendra (JVK) - Centre for Sustaining Organic Farming, located in Krishnagiri, Tamil Nadu. Here, ICCOA trains farmers in organic farming techniques and so far, has helped establish a certified farmer producer company, which now includes 65 farmers, with over 1,500 more farmers connected through various groups.

In addition to technological support, ICCOA has introduced the 'O2C' (Organics to Consumers) brand, which features a range of organic staples, such as rice, cashews, and turmeric and connects farmers across the country.

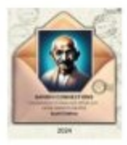
Manoj Kumar Menon, Executive Director of ICCOA, said, "By providing farmers with tools to track demand, ICCOA is making organic farming a viable option." He highlighted that through hands-on training, technological support and market access, they are ensuring that farmers can confidently embrace organic methods, benefitting both their livelihoods and the growing consumer demand for healthy, sustainable products.

EXPRESS READ

Whitefield-ITPL Metro disrupted for 30 mins

Bengaluru: Due to a technical glitch at Whitefield Metro station on Sunday, train services were temporarily suspended between Whitefield (Kadugodi) and ITPL from 8.25 am to 8.55 am. An official release said, "During this period, there was short-loop train services on the Purple Line between Challaghatta and ITPL stations." Normalcy on the entire Purple Line was restored from 8.55 am. Green Line services were not disrupted, it added. **ENS**

Book lists post-offices named after Mahatma



Bengaluru: Gandhi Connections, a unique compilation that explores post-offices across the country named after the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi has been released in Bengaluru. The book provides a meticulously researched list, complete with the name and pincode of each post-office. "It gives examples of postmarks of each post-office related to Gandhi. This book can be helpful for philatelists collecting items on Gandhi," said author Sushil Mehra, an avid philatelist and businessman based in Bengaluru. People can contact Mehra at 91-9972091818 or gaureshmehra@gmail.com **ENS**

'Manufacturers told to supply safety harness'

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ADDITIONAL Commissioner of Transport (Enforcement) Mallikarjun C stated that the transport department has requested vehicle manufacturers to supply the safety harness and if they don't, they could be penalised.

As per the mandate of the Ministry of Roads, Transport and Highways, it is compulsory for two-wheeler riders carrying children to use safety harnesses as the number of accidents involving children is increasing. MoRTH issued the order on safety harnesses in 2022 and the state transport department is gearing up now to enforce it.

'Swallowing the Sun' explores women's role in India's struggle for Independence

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

LAKSHMI Murdeshwar Puri, former assistant secretary general of the United Nations, released her debut novel -- Swallowing the Sun -- in the city on Sunday. The novel explores themes of love, courage and India's struggle for independence through the eyes of three generations of women.

In a discussion with acclaimed author Anita Nair, Lakshmi delved into the life of the novel's heroine, Malati, and the period that defines the narrative. She emphasised that her book transcends traditional historical accounts, serving as a profound coming-of-age story. "One of the joys of reading fiction is how it transports us to different worlds, allowing us to witness the fabric of those times," she said. Malati's journey reflects a quest for empowerment and equality, highlighting the importance of education for women that Lakshmi draws from her personal experiences and the rich cultural heritage of Maharashtra.

Lakshmi Murdeshwar Puri (third from left), wife of Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, at the release of her debut novel 'Swallowing the Sun' in Bengaluru on Sunday. Author Anita Nair, entrepreneur Gitanjali Kirloskar, sportpersons Anju Bobby George, Pankaj Advani and Dhanraj Pillai look on | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Lakshmi began writing 'Swallowing the Sun' in 2000, but she was inspired to return to it in 2018 with the encouragement of her husband, Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri, and sister Indira.

'Swallowing the Sun' serves as a powerful reminder of the vital role women played in shaping the nation's history.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

30TH September : The mix of fiery and watery heavenly alignments is a sure sign that change is on the way. If any of you feel like dropping some of your commitments and taking on new ones, so much the better. But if you are one of those people who likes life to remain exactly as it is, you may have some small adjustments to make.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Try not to take others too much for granted or you may come unstuck. There is a great deal waiting to be explained and, if major moves are planned, you would be wise to wait until the picture is clear. Also, rely on your natural charm to win rivals over to your side.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Wait for another few days for major family meetings or decisions. Today's stars are sociable, indicating that you will make progress only if you operate as part of a team. Equality is the watchword, so try to make sure that everyone has a fair chance.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Partners may still be in disagreement, but not for much longer. You could find it difficult to accomplish your tasks and feel as if one particular goal is slipping from your grasp. But be assured that friends and allies will continue to carry the torch on your behalf, probably right through to next year.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Now is a good time to reconsider your attitude to close partners. Also, develop all foreign contacts and get in touch with friends and relatives abroad. Adventure is in the air, even in a small way, and you may be tempted to take major risks - in moderation, of course!

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Relatively sympathetic stars favour financial adventures. You are inclined to spend your hard-won money on luxuries and may be tempted to take a gamble. As to this last point, you must take responsibility for your own actions: if plans do come unstuck then it's up to you to get them back on track.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Nobody really knows what you are thinking at the moment, or even what you are experiencing. Either your thoughts have sped ahead of your actions, or plans are lagging behind what is actually happening. One way or the other, you've got to catch up with yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
There's a wide range of possibilities today, which means that all astrologers should be disagreeing with each other. I'll take a middle road and advise you to spread yourself around as widely as possible, investigating any personal options you may have ignored until now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
You appear to be having second thoughts, which may come as a surprise to some people who thought they knew you well. It may be that you no longer feel so secure in a choice that you took a few weeks ago, but that uncertainty may reflect nothing more then the fact that you must now stand on your own two feet.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Your expansive and optimistic nature should now be an advantage. There is nothing to hold you back save your own memories, and perhaps fears. You can let rip and live like there's no tomorrow. To put it another way, if you focus your attention on the present, then you will begin to build a better future.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
It's bound to be a few days before you gain a fix on exactly what is going on. You may do best to keep your private thoughts to yourself. You never know when blurting something out is going to have consequences opposite to those you desire: every word you utter could come to mean something much more than you intended.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
You must now make some decisive moves and salvage as much as you can before your mood changes. Very soon you will realise that life is a good deal more mysterious and uncertain than you once thought. Someone close to you already realises that there can be no final answer.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You're on top form, and if you are true to yourself you won't put a foot wrong. The general tone of the day is argumentative, so you must decide whether to confront some-one now or bide your time. Plus, if you know what's good for you, you'll make sure you pick the right target.

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

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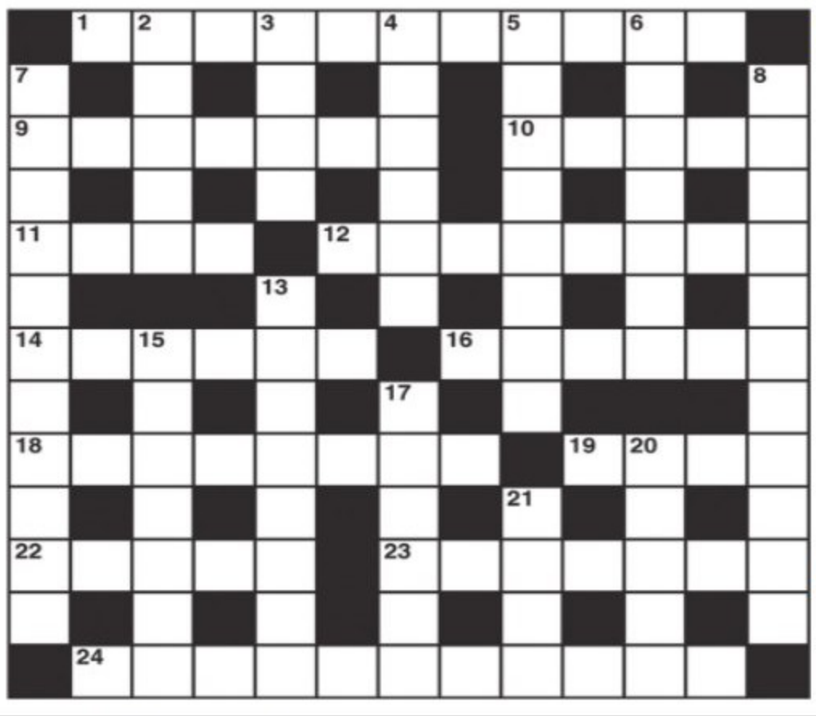

CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Tuition isn't provided by this establishment (11)
9 Refuge in the middle of the garden retreat (7)
10 The one to right of them (5)
11 Key to enter communist plant (4)
12 It brings about a military rising (8)
14 Black and brown plaid (6)
16 Stay in touch with the leaders (4,2)
18 Be on the way to appearing proper (8)
19 Left in the cooler it may be jammed (4)
22 Alert for a change in the future (5)
23 Artist's piecework (7)
24 Advisers are not the same as opponents (11)

DOWN
2 Deal with someone with a complaint (5)
3 Removed to Oklahoma (4)
4 A hewer of wood and a drawer of water (6)
5 Visibly in tears (8)
6 Cover too many a circuit (7)
7 At which steps may be taken to alleviate hardship (7,4)
8 One who is at liberty to be extravagant? (4,7)
13 Its growth may be dated (4,4)
15 Said to be named again in divorce proceedings (7)
17 Deprecates applications for admission (6)
20 Will go away (5)
21 A slight incoherence in speech (4)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Wished, 4 Asteroid, 9 Robust, 10 Harebell, 12 Rare, 13 Erect, 14 Plot, 17 Bridging loan, 20 Coping stones, 23 Amok, 24 Acute, 25 Otto, 28 Monsoons, 29 Friend, 30 Corsages, 31 Petals.

Down: 1 Wardrobe, 2 Suburbia, 3 Erse, 5 Searchlights, 6 Eyed, 7 Openly, 8 Dilute, 11 Frankincense, 15 Aglow, 16 Dante, 18 Anathema, 19 As goodas, 21 Tarmac, 22 Joiner, 26 Coda, 27 Free.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

FOENT
APWSM
DYRHAL
NCREWH

But it's my lucky disc! Are you sure I can't use it?
It's not compliant. You can't use it.
THE DISCUS HAD A CHIP IN IT, SO IT WAS ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: _____ _____

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: GULLY FRESH GENTLE POLICY
Answer: He said tug-of-war was once an Olympic sport, and she thought he was — PULLING HER LEG

A woman obstetrician serving at Cheluvamba Hospital in Mysuru was found dead under suspicious circumstances in her apartment in that city on Saturday. Police said Dr Vidyadhare (41) was found hanging in her room. Her husband Dr Shanmukha is an orthopedic surgeon at KR Hospital. Investigation is under way

'Turkish suitor' & gifts of gold: Woman conned of ₹1.3cr

Man teams up with another woman, poses as suitor on matrimonial app, fakes detention to defraud victim

RISHITA KHANNA @ Bengaluru

A 33-year-old woman working at an international financial institution was defrauded of Rs 1.3 crore by a man she met on a popular matrimonial app. The man, claiming to be an Indian from Turkiye, said he had been detained by Bengaluru Airport officials as he was carrying a lot of gold to gift her.

To support his claims, Kunal (name changed) even sent her fake flight tickets and teamed up with a woman, who posed as an airport official, to demand money at immigration. Following this, Kunal and the woman continued to deceive Kamala (name changed) for about 35-40 days and conned her of a total of Rs 1.30 crore.

Kamala and Kunal connected through a matrimony app and quickly grew close. During their conversations, Kunal said he wanted to marry her, and mentioned that he would travel from Turkiye to meet her in Bengaluru. To back his claim, he sent her his passport details along with a flight ticket showing his journey from Turkiye to Bengaluru, via Mumbai.

Kamala, convinced by the details Kunal had provided, trusted him throughout their conversation. He then claimed he had been detained. Believing his story, and ready to help, Kamala transferred money to one of his accounts, as instructed. He requested more transfers to different accounts, and the process continued until he defrauded her of Rs 1.3 crore, after which he deleted his matrimonial profile.

Kamala realised it was a cyber fraud when she could not reach Kunal for over a week. Attempts to trace his number were unsuccessful too, as he had been using a Turkiye-registered number.

"Most of these scams, carried out through matrimonial apps or social media sites, do not initially seem like typical cyber frauds as they take time to build the victim's trust," Bengaluru Rural SP CK Baba said, adding that unlike usual cybercrimes, these scams do not begin with immediate money transfers.

"People, especially women, need to be extremely cautious when interacting with others on virtual platforms. With advancements like AI and deepfake technology, it is hard to tell how convincingly a fraudster can create something that appears genuine," he said.

He stressed that if someone repeatedly asks for money, it is important to report to police, even if it turns out to be legitimate.

The senior officer warned that people should remain vigilant and sceptical when engaging with anyone online, especially if asked for money.

AFFORDABLE PROCEDURES

Now, knee, hip replacements under ABArK

RISHITA KHANNA @Bengaluru

WITH an increasing number of people requiring Total Knee Replacement (TKR) and Total Hip Replacement (THR) surgeries due to conditions like severe arthritis and ageing, the state government has issued an order to strengthen its health institutions for performing TKR and THR surgeries under the 'Ayushman Bharat Arogya Karnataka (ABArK) scheme'.

The initiative comes in response to growing demand for these critical procedures and aims to reduce the current dependence on private healthcare facilities.

Currently, only 35% of TKR and THR surgeries are carried out in government hospitals. To address this gap, the government has designated the Sanjay Gandhi Institute of Trauma and Orthopaedics in Bengaluru, as the 'Centre of Excellence' (CoE) for TKR and THR surgeries which will provide comprehensive care, handle complex cases, and serve as the primary hub for training and technical support.

The government has also reconstituted a committee responsible for scrutinising pre-authorisations for TKR and THR procedures under the ABArK scheme. This committee, which now includes three to four additional orthopaedic surgeons, will ensure that only necessary and appropriate surgeries are performed, while also overseeing referrals to private hospitals. This will be the sole authority for authorising any such referrals and no government hospital will be allowed to authorise TKR or THR referrals to private hospitals without approval from this committee.

The committee will also assess why certain procedures are not being done in public institutions. If specific equipment is required, the committee will notify the concerned hospital authorities and the health department, ensuring that necessary provisions are made.

In cases where a government hospital lacks the expertise to perform TKR or THR surgeries, the committee will deploy trained orthopaedic surgeons from a pool of mentor surgeons associated with the CoE. These mentor surgeons will not only perform the surgeries but will also mentor the local medical staff and will be entitled to receive incentives as outlined under the ABArK scheme.

Under the new directive, the ABArK scheme will revise the package rates for TKR and THR surgeries, including the cost of implants. The Karnataka State Medical Supplies Corporation Limited (KSMSCL) will manage the centralised procurement of surgical implants to ensure cost efficiency and uniformity in quality across all government hospitals.

The Health Department, along with the Suvarna Aarogya Suraksha Trust (SAST), will monitor the implementation of this government order on a regular basis. The committee will offer free second opinions on the need for TKR and THR surgeries and SAST will establish a dedicated helpline to provide this service.

Darshan fans slash friend's neck, escape

ENS @ Bengaluru

TWO youth, who are said to be fans of jailed actor **Darshan**, slashed their friend's neck with a blade, after the latter objected to them shouting "D Boss" repeatedly, while he was sleeping. The incident took place in Sullikere in Kumbalgodu police station limits, on Thursday.

The victim has been identified as Venkatesh Swamy (26).

The accused Mahadev and Kiran are absconding. The trio, who are construction workers, are friends. Hailing from Ramanagara, they live in a temporary shed at a construction site in Sullikere.

On Thursday night, Mahadev and Kiran were drunk, as Swamy slept. The duo began shouting "D Boss" in reference to Darshan. Disturbed, Swamy hit them and told them to be quiet, but in vain. Swamy attempted to advise them, asking them whether the actor was taking care of their needs, but to no avail. When Swamy tried to hit them again, Kiran slashed his neck with a blade, before the accused duo fled. Swamy was rushed to hospital for treatment. Police are looking for the suspects.

Ahead of Dasara, rave party busted in Mysuru

KARTHIK K K @ Mysuru

JUST weeks ahead of grand Mysuru Dasara celebrations, a rave party at a private property near the backwaters of KRS dam at Meenakshipura was raided by Yelwal police on Saturday late night, leading to the detention of 60 individuals, including several women.

The illegal gathering, titled 'Harmony of Cosmos 2.0' was organised through social media, specifically Instagram, where the event was aggressively promoted, attracting local youth and foreign performers alike. According to police reports, over 25 couples had registered for the event through Instagram, lured by its mystical and cosmic theme that promised a night of pure bliss under the stars. However, the party came crashing down when the law enforcement, led by SP Vishnuvardhan, DSP Kareem, and ASP Nagesh stormed the scene, following a tip-off. The officers confiscated music equipment and over 18 luxury cars. The attendees were immediately taken into custody and medical tests were conducted to determine whether any narcotics had been consumed. Though no drugs were found at the site, the police have sent blood samples for further testing to the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL).

The SP confirmed, "An SIT under the additional superintendent of police has been formed. We are awaiting the FSL report and the investigation will uncover who organised the party and how it was promoted."

However, sources revealed *TNIE* that the event was organised using Instagram and it was found that an Instagram handle named 'Avadooth_gatherings' was behind this, which had listed it and other underground music pages and websites, with the event description painting an idyllic picture, calling it "a night of harmony amid the chaotic cosmic lives we inhabit, an oasis in the deep chasms of the planet to celebrate unity and divinity". The event had attracted notable DJs and performers, including Grainripper from Israel and local DJs like Shanta, Bubbleguns, Mental Mushroom and Space Serpent. The tickets for the party were said to be priced at Rs 2,000, which were sold through Instagram via the handle "Avadooth_gatherings."

The police are now investigating whether any foreign nationals were involved, and further interrogations are under way.

EXPRESS READ

SAGAR HOSPITALS MARKS WORLD HEART DAY

BENGALURU: Sagar Hospitals commemorated World Heart Day with a week-long series of engaging activities, culminating in a grand event at its Banashankari facility. The celebration drew over a thousand participants, promoting heart health awareness and empowering fellow citizens to adopt healthier lifestyles. The main event began at 6 am, with an 'I Pledge' ceremony, where individuals committed to prioritising heart health. This was followed by a 5-km Walkathon, taking participants from the Sagar Hospitals Banashankari campus to the Banashankari BDA Complex, and back. Three survivors shared their remarkable stories of overcoming cardiac distress, with the help of Sagar Hospitals. "Empowering individuals to prioritise heart health is our top priority. This event was a testament to our commitment. It's heartening to see our community come together to prioritise heart health," said Ishiqa Multani, President of Sagar Hospitals.

BIS CONDUCTS SEARCH, SEIZURE AT PRIVATE CO

BENGALURU: The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) conducted a search and seizure operation on September 23, at the warehouse of a private company. During the raid, 78,000 unlicensed LED lamps of 425 varieties imported from China were seized, allegedly violating BIS regulations that mandate registration for such products under the compulsory registration scheme. According to a press release, the team led by Narender Reddy Beesu, Scientist E, Karem Rajashekar, Scientist D, and Piyush Kumar Gupta, Scientist B, carried out the raid. The BIS stated that legal action will be initiated against the firm under Section 17(3) and Section 29 of the BIS Act, 2016, which stipulates penalties, including imprisonment of up to two years and fines starting at Rs 2 lakh for first offences. It appealed to the consumers to check the BIS standard mark (ISI mark) and licence number of the manufacturers before buying any product.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that, **Mr.Bhaskar Munirathnam**, son of K.Munirathnam Naidu, residing at Villa No.28, IVC Road, Under The Sun Villas, Devanahalli, Bangalore Rural-562110 has lost the Original Gift Deed dated 05.12.2014, executed by Naveen Kumar in favour of Ananda Kumar, registered as document No.YAN-1-06773/2014-15 in Book I and stored in CD No.YAND574, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Yelahanka, Bangalore in respect of the property bearing Site No.03, Layout formed in Sy.No.50/1, Re-Sy.No.50/3, situated at Huttanahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Talu, Bangalore, measuring East to West 12.19 meters and North to South 8.55 meters, in all measuring 104.22 sq.meters. A police complaint dated 14.08.2024 is lodged in this regard. If any person finds the same may kindly be delivered to the undersigned or to my client. Any person un-authorisly holding the same and dealing with the same in the respect of the above property in any manner, the same will not be binding on my clients. In this behalf if any person having any Objections or claims can lodge the same with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within Fifteen days of this Notice. Later on the same will not be entertained and my client proceed to deal with said property as his like.

Sd/-
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Mobile : 9986349626
E-Mail : basappahd2018@gmail.com
Place : Bangalore
Dated : 29.09.2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that, **Mr. Benjan Tom Oommen**, residing at Parankamoottil, Seethakulam Bus Stop, Ezhumatoor.P.O, Ezhumatoor, Pathanamthitta-689586 has lost the Original Sale Deed dated 17.07.2014, executed by K.Munithimmaiah in favor of S.madan, registered as document No.BNS-1-06329/2014-15 in Book I and stored in CD No.BNSD322, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Banaswadi, Bangalore in respect of the property bearing Site No.15, Khatha No.311, Old Property Nos.14/5 & 14/13, then No.134/5, situated at Sulikunte Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore measuring East to West 45 feet and North to South 30 feet, in all measuring 1350 sq.ft. A police complaint dated 21.09.2024 is lodged in this regard. If any person finds the same may kindly be delivered to the undersigned or to my client. Any person un-authorisly holding the same and dealing with the same in the respect of the above property in any manner, the same will not be binding on my clients. In this behalf if any person having any Objections or claims can lodge the same with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within Fifteen days of this Notice. Later on the same will not be entertained and my client proceed to deal with said property as his like.

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TENDER NOTICE

For more details please visit E-Tendering Portal, https://etenders.kerala.gov.in or www.kmml.com

Sl No	Tender Id	Items
1	2024_KMML_690107_1	For the supply of PTFE Lined Plug Valves
2	2024_KMML_691470_1	For the supply of Class 1 Brick Acid Resistant
3	2024_KMML_684115_1	Installation of Side Screen Filtration System(SSF) for cooling tower in TP Unit
4	2024_KMML_692648_1	Fabrication & Supply of Sodium Aluminate Tank F555 (FRP-Bisphenol)
5	2024_KMML_692703_1	Fabrication & Supply of Water Cooled Condenser E206

Chavara 27.09.2024 Sd/- Managing Director for The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd

KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of India Undertaking)

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Dy. Chief Engineer (Works), Konkan Railway Corporation Limited, Ratnagiri, invites **Open Tender in Single Packet Bid** system through E-Tendering on IREPS Portal from eligible contractors for the following work: **Name of work**: Earthwork in cutting for flattening of slopes, provision of berms, construction of side drains/ catch water drains and protective works at Ashti cutting in KHED-ANJANI section at Km. 107/800 to 108/300 in Ratnagiri Region over Konkan Railway route in Maharashtra State. **Tender Notice No: KR-RN-DYCEW-ASHTI-11-2024, Dated: 30.09.2024. Total Estimated Cost: Rs. 1.898 Crore (Excluding GST). Biding Start Date: 07.10.2024, Closing Date/Time: 21.10.2024 up to 15:00 Hrs,** for submission of on line offers/bids. **Completion period: 12 (Twelve) Months including monsoon**. Manual offers shall not be accepted. Please visit **https://www.ireps.gov.in** website for details/ participation and corrigendum/ addendum will be hosted on this website only.

APTUS
Aptus Value Housing Finance India Ltd
8B, Doshi Towers, 205, Poonamalle High Road, Kilpauk, Chennai-600 010.Telephone: 044-4565 0003

Possession Notice
Appendix IV (Under Rule8 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of **Aptus Value Housing Finance India Ltd** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued **Demand notice dated 18--06--2024 calling upon the borrowers 1.Savithramma, 2.Harikrishna, 3.Narayanaswamy(Deceased) Applicant and Co applicant 1 are the legal heirs of the deceased & 4.Venkatesh S/O Venkateshaiah, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being for Home Purchase Loan in Loan Account No: APEEN0039882 of Rs. 11,17,017/-(Rupees Eleven Lacs Seventeen Thousand Seventeen Only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **"Symbolic Possession"** of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rule **on this 27th day of September 2024.**

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Aptus Value Housing Finance India Ltd for an amount of Rs.11,20,951/- (Rupees Eleven Lacs Twenty Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty One Only) as on 20-09-2024** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:-

All that part and parcel of the property situated at All that piece and parcel of the immovable property Site bearing No. 60, formed in Sy No.9, khatha No. 391/60, Unique ID No. 150300701100400557, converted under vide conversation order no. BDS/ALN(N)/SR 86/94-95 , dated 2/3/1995, issued by Commissioner, Bangalore Rural , Situated at Kempalinganahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District , Now comes under the limits of vishweshwara pura Gram panchayath, measuring East to West 40 ft, nor 12.9 mtrs North to South 30 ft nor 9.14 mtrs and all measuring 1200 Sq.ft and **bounded On: North By:** Site No. 59, **South By:** Site No. 61, **East By:** Road, **West By:** Site No.67.

Date: 27-09-2024 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place: Kempalinganahalli Aptus Value Housing Finance India Ltd

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the authorized officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** (Formerly known as Janalakshmi Financial Services Limited)., under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued **demand notices** to the borrower(s)/ Co-borrower(s) calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned against the respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notices, along with future interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and/ or realisation.

Sr. No.	Loan No.	Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	13(2) Notice Date/ Outstanding Due (in Rs.) as on	Date/ Time & Type of Possession
1	47468640000148	**1) M/s. Urbocrew Service Pvt. Ltd.,** Represented by it's Directors **Mr. Afzal Ur Rahaman and Mrs. Farha Sultana, 2) Mr. Afzal Ur Rahaman,** Director of **M/s. Urbocrew Service Pvt. Ltd., Also at: M/s. Urbocrew Service Pvt. Ltd., 3) Mrs. S Farha Sultana,** Director of **M/s. Urbocrew Service Pvt. Ltd., Also at M/s. Urbocrew Service Pvt. Ltd., 4) Mrs. Mehrunnisa, W/o. Mr. Afzal Ur Rahaman, 5) Mr. Ajmal Pasha**	**28.06.2024 Rs.43,70,600.80** (Rupees Forty Three Lakh Seventy Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty Paisa Only) **as on 25-06-2024**	**Date: 26-09-2024 Time: 04:59 PM Symbolic Possession**
		Description of the Property: All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property Bearing Residential Vacant Site No.18, Khatha No.30/18, Situated at Bellahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, Presently coming under the Jurisdiction of the Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike New Ward No.5, Measuring East to West: 40-00 feet and North to South: 38-00 feet, in total measuring: 1520 Sq.feet and **Bounded as follows: Bounded on the: East by:** 20 feet Road, **West by:** Site No.19, **North by:** Site No.17 & **South by:** Private Property.		
2	47469430001605	**1) Mr. Chandrappa M, 2) Mrs. Nethravathy Movanahalli**	**24.07.2024 Rs.4,93,974.94** (Rupees Four Lakh Ninety Three Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Four and Ninety Four Paisa Only) **due as on 22-07-2024**	**Date: 26-09-2024 Time: 05:31 PM Symbolic Possession**
		Description of the Property: All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site No.57/2, Katha No.26/57/2, situated at Kadusonnappanahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hoobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore District, presently comes under the limits of Knnuru Gram Panchayath and **Bounded on the: East by:** Vacant Site of Smt. Netravathi and Sri M. Chandrappa, **West by:** Road, **North by:** House Belongs to Sri Munwar Pasha, **South by:** House belongs to Krishnappa and Nagaveni. Measuring East to West: 40 Feet and North to South: 30 Feet, in all measuring 1200 Sq.feet (6 Sq.feet sheet house)		

Whereas, the Borrower's/ Co-borrowers'/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors, mentioned herein above have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the Borrower's mentioned herein above in particular and to the Public in general that the authorized officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken symbolic possession** of the properties/ secured assets described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned above. The Borrower's/ Co-borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors, mentioned herein above in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid properties/ Secured Assets and any dealings with the said properties/ Secured Assets will be subject to the charge of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited.**

Place: Bangalore
Date: 30.09.2024
Sd/- Authorised Officer
For. Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK
(A scheduled commercial bank)
Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

The Cauvery Aarti will be performed on the banks of the river in Srirangapatna for five days from October 3. The aarti will be performed on the lines of the Ganga Aarti in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh

'FEAR OF POLICE FADING...

FORCE USED AS TOOL BY POLITICAL MASTERS'

PIC: VINOD KUMAR T

EXPRESS Dialogues

CRIMES are increasing, but the fear of police is coming down. New sections in the Bharatiya Nyaya Samhita could have addressed multiple issues, like bringing in police reforms, but the opinions of stakeholders were not included, said **ST Ramesh**, former Director General & Inspector General of Police, Karnataka. In conversation with *TNIE*, he said the administration, government and DGs should endorse registering of more cases to know the true picture of society. More cases do not reflect law and order failure, he said.

Excerpts...

What do you have to say about the nature of crimes against women? Is it about the safety of women or more sensitisation, or lack of fear of the law and the role of police to solve it?

A We all talk of gender-sensitization, but who do we sensitize? Everybody needs sensitization. All categories of people commit crimes against women -- boyfriends and parents. The Vyalikaval (Mahalakshmi) murder case is a new form of crime after the Delhi incident, where the woman's body was dismembered. Are we ready to sensitize all sections of human beings? The Nirbhaya case was committed by boys who were drivers, cleaners, people from broken homes. The theory of criminology says that a criminal is the first victim of a crime. Initially, we have to address sections like slum-dwellers, those who are deprived of schooling and people who do not have proper upbringing. Some modules have to be prepared that suit their background. Fear of police is lessening. These are issues an individual cannot answer.

Why is fear of police becoming less?

There was colonial police in 1947. Then, police could do anything and get away with it, so there was fear. It was not the right kind of policing. There is no difference between policing then and now. It has the same laws, same manuals and same procedures. The colonial hangover continued after 1947. Police should be able to command people's respect. Emergency was a watershed, and many wrongs of the police were exposed. Over a period of time, there is a lot of police bashing, no respect for the authority. Overall, police have become weak. It was being used as a tool by political masters, irrespective of political parties, and is becoming weaker. Nobody is interested in police reforms that benefit citizens.

Your opinion of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS)?

I have a problem with BNS. There were no consultations. It was done without any public discussion as everybody is a stakeholder. It is a substantive law. There was no draft. Nobody knows who made the changes. A retired IPS officer sitting in Delhi was given the job. How can one man do it? It was a great opportunity as we were complaining that it was a colonial law and had to be changed. Hindi names in the new law are in violation of Article 348 of the Indian Constitution. Article 348 says names of legislations should be in English. That is why it was earlier called Indian Penal Code. There is no provision for hate speech in the new law. Giving police custody beyond 15 days is dangerous. There are police officers who can misuse it. Legitimising handcuffing provisions is dangerous. The new law continues to use the same colonial language. Love jihad is the new word that has got into the law book now and has assumed legal sanctity. In my 35 years of service, I have never come across this word love jihad. Nothing has changed. It is a revision without vision and a lost opportunity. It is a disappointment.

There is an overall trend of rising crime, not just cybercrime, but all types -- religious, personal and more. What is the reason for this?

Crime is under-reported. Police often control case registrations through burking, especially for minor property crimes. Many people avoid police stations due to fear of harassment, bribes or social stigma. This leads to incomplete crime data, as seen in NCRB reports. In rapidly growing cities like Bengaluru, with a growing population, crime is bound to increase. Leaders need to push for full crime registration -- not as a failure of law and order, but to reflect reality and address rising issues fuelled by unemployment, poverty and consumerism.

What drives people to commit extreme acts like stabbing someone to death in a college, chopping a person to pieces, slitting someone's throat while walking on the road, or ganging up to murder someone in a restaurant or shed?

Crimes vary widely in nature. For instance, in case of actor Darshan, his fame and influence made him feel unassailable, allowing him to torture a man to death without fear of consequences. This kind of crime stems from power and arrogance. He was even rumoured to have influenced postmortem results. On the other hand, crimes like the Dharwad stabbing fall under 'crimes of passion', which are not easily preventable. Some crimes, like frequent house thefts, can be reduced through surveillance, but others, such as a servant committing theft, are beyond control. Mental health plays a significant role in extreme crimes and Nimhans studies show it. Cases like dismembering a body show a severe mental disorder, indicating that crime is often a complex mix of mental, social and situational factors, requiring deeper sociological study beyond just poverty.

Recently, actor Darshan was reportedly allowed to use a phone in prison, similar to previous incidents. How can we address the issue of special treatment to certain prisoners?

This will continue, as there is no quick-fix solution. Those with money and influence will find ways to secure privileges. Bribery remains a challenge, especially when corruption in prisons is an accepted fact. Prison manuals and rules are well-written, but their effectiveness depends entirely on proper implementation. However, the root cause of issues often lies with individuals in charge. If an officer is committed, many problems can be avoided. A competent, ethical officer who takes action against corruption and upholds standards can make a significant difference. Maintaining discipline and upholding higher standards, especially in sensitive departments like the police and prisons, is crucial to prevent abuse and corruption.

Several SITs are being formed to deal with political cases, does it influence the outcome? Why are all cases going to CBI, CID or others?

In a police station, the focus on investigation cannot be exclusive. The rush, various duties that one has to deal with and the direct influence of the rich and powerful is a hindrance. CID does exclusive investigation but the department is also overburdened, so selective cases should be given. CBI is at the national level, so specialised and sensitive cases are given to it. SITs have now become a trend, people don't have confidence in the local police. This is also done to create confidence in the law. For the Prajwal Revanna case, a women police officer was assigned to allow women to freely raise their issues. SITs are not a bad option, they do a commendable job.

How has the recruitment process in the police department progressed, following the sub-inspector scam?

There has been no recruitment in the police department. However, during my tenure, the government issued an order for the recruitment of 400 sub-inspectors, marking the highest such effort to date. If successfully completed, this would have exceeded previous records.

Some cops look at prisons as correctional centres, if there is action, human rights issues crop up and the officers' hands are tied, the reforms have been namesake.

Sometimes, it used to be very difficult to pull up officers. I would not have the moral courage to take action against them. The system itself needs policing. There is an unholy triad -- political corruption, politicisation of administration and criminalisation of politics. Despite all these issues, officers who stick to their guns and do their jobs are brave men.

To what extent does technology influence crimes committed by juveniles in today's society?

Technology has a minimal role, it is a human element and has many underlying issues. It needs a fine balance. Teenagers behave peculiarly. A juvenile crime needs to be dealt with differently.

Crime keeps increasing, and whenever that happens, the police and government are blamed. But prevention of crime is a responsibility that rests with society also. What should society do?

Due diligence by citizens can help prevent crime. Society's role is to take normal responsible precautions. To prevent conventional crimes like theft, people should keep their houses locked. If there is a domestic help, keep your valuables safe. Cybercrimes can be prevented if citizens exercise caution.

Lack of basic infrastructure like footpaths makes people vulnerable to crimes like chain-snatching...

We need to give pedestrians their space. Roads should be designed keeping pedestrians in mind.

What needs to be done to bring in friendly police stations?

The term people-friendly police is a contradiction. Enforcing the law is often an unpleasant job. For instance, people hate it when they are issued a challan for not wearing a helmet. Law enforcement is a necessary evil, and while police can be friendly to an extent, enforcement of laws is rarely met with universal approval. However, there are areas where police can establish rapport with citizens, which is necessary to improve their image. There should be a balance between enforcing the law and maintaining a cordial relationship with the community. A good relationship with citizens can facilitate better policing.

Has the decline in foot patrolling resulted in a gap between police and community?

Effective policing relies on foot patrolling. While police may have many vehicles, the fundamental problem is a lack of resources. The police-population ratio, according to UN standards, is 250 police officers per lakh of population. Developed countries have even more police per capita. In Karnataka, there are only 158.3 police officers per lakh of population. No one is addressing this shortage. Policing is a manpower-intensive job.

How can we attract people to join the police force?

In a society where unemployment is high, police jobs are often seen as powerful positions. The prospect of stable employment motivates many to join the force; for every 100 openings, there are about 10,000 applications. A police job offers a fixed salary, job security and benefits, which drives people to apply.

Caste-census report will be placed before cabinet: CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah said the government has carried out the socioeconomic and educational survey or caste census, with the aim of identifying the people who are still deprived of facilities, and in the coming days, a report on the same will be placed before the cabinet and steps will be taken to implement the recommendations.

Speaking after launching the Mysuru District BCM Hostel Senior Students Society at Kalamandira on Sunday, Siddaramaiah said the government has received the caste census report, but due to various reasons, it has not been implemented.

"But in the coming days, the report will be placed before the cabinet and action will be taken to implement the recommendations. Caste census is also the ideology of the Congress. Caste census, along with population census, in the country have not been done since 1930. Now, discussions on conducting caste census are gaining momentum across many states," he said.

Stating that quality education develops a scientific spirit and makes a good human being, Siddaramaiah said that there is no use of acquiring education if scientific, rationality and social responsibility do not develop.

CONG, BJP LEADERS PLOTTING TO TOPPLE SIDDU GOVT, ₹1,200 CR SET ASIDE: YATNAL

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Davanagere

BJP MLA Basangouda Patil Yatnal on Sunday alleged that a conspiracy has been hatched to bring down the state government led by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and claimed that Rs 1,200 crore has been earmarked for the purpose.

He told reporters here that leaders from both BJP and Congress are part of this joint conspiracy. "I have information on this plot," Yatnal claimed, adding that some sections within BJP are thinking of Operation Lotus, though the BJP high command is not interested.

"Some people have even kept aside funds for the operation and are eyeing the CM's chair. The state government is mired in corruption and Siddaramaiah may be jailed in the MUDA case. I had requested Siddaramaiah to resign from the CM's post when the MUDA incident came up. By going to the people's representatives' court and the high court, Siddaramaiah has lost his image. Even if he had not gone to the HC, the issue would have been probed," he said.

He said the state government has gone bankrupt and it is finding it difficult to fund the guarantees and pay staff salaries. "But Congress MLAs are more inclined towards bringing down the Siddaramaiah government. No one is stating this openly. In the MUDA case, we were handed documents by Congress leaders, and we just spoke. BJP has nothing to do with this struggle," he alleged.

"The state government has already become corrupt and it should not continue in office. It was thought that Siddaramaiah would resign after the governor sanctioned his prosecution, and AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge would become CM. The same people who are planning to destabilise the government are behind the plot to make Kharge CM," he charged.

Meanwhile, Yatnal said the team opposing state BJP president BY Vijayendra will not speak till December, as they are waiting for the party top brass' decision about their demands, which they have expressed before leaders of the Sangh Parivar in Karnataka.

Mysuru District BCM Hostel Senior Students Association members felicitate Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in Mysuru on Sunday | UDAYASHANKAR S

Oppn not movers and shakers: CM

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OPPOSITION parties may create trouble politically for a couple of months but they can't shake me, said CM Siddaramaiah. Facing a Lokayukta inquiry into the MUDA scam after the High Court upheld the Governor's permission for a probe into how he got 14 sites in an upmarket area, Siddaramaiah said he is right, as per his conscience, and would not be scared. "I cannot be shaken till I have the blessings and support of the people," he said.

Speaking at a function to distribute sites to betel growers in Ashokpuram, he said that many well-wishers wanted him to be courageous and appealed to him not to resign. Siddaramaiah claimed he would win the legal battle. "I know they (BJP-JDS) can create trouble for one or two months. I will face it politically," he asserted.

Earlier, speaking to the media here, Siddaramaiah clarified that he would not interfere in the Lokayukta probe into the MUDA scam ordered by court. Asked about a complaint lodged against him with the Enforcement Directorate in the MUDA case, he said he would face it legally and the law would take its course.

On Lokayukta ADGP Chandrashekar's letter against Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy, Siddaramaiah said the ADGP has not called Kumaraswamy "a pig", but had referred to George Bernard Shaw's quote in response to the Union minister's charges.

Siddaramaiah said he didn't want to intervene between the ADGP and Kumaraswamy. Police will investigate if the former chief minister has committed a mistake, he said.

ADGP Chandrashekar hits back at HDK

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

UNION Minister HD Kumaraswamy on Saturday threw a bombshell, branding a senior police officer, ADGP M Chandrashekar, a "blackmailer" and implicating him in a shadowy Rs 20 crore deal.

But Chandrashekar, who is heading the Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the Sandur mining case against Kumaraswamy, has not taken it lying down. He hit back saying, "Never wrestle with pigs, you both get dirty and the pig likes it." The officer said he will pursue a defamation case against Kumaraswamy.

Kumaraswamy is named accused in the controversial mining case involving Sri Sai Venkateshwara Minerals of Sandur. Recently, it was revealed that the SIT had sought Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot's nod to prosecute Kumaraswamy. This, insiders say, may have triggered the fresh war of words between ADGP Chandrashekar and the Union minister.

But there is a deeper, darker conspiracy. Suspended police inspector Kishore Kumar, embroiled in criminal cases for the illegal sale of PACL lands, has resurfaced with claims of a Rs 20 crore extortion attempt. The accusations, however, were swiftly dismissed by the court, which threw out the case against Chandrashekar on November 6, 2023 for lack of evidence. But this crucial court decision is being buried as a dangerous disinformation campaign swirls, threatening to derail critical investigations by SIT.

FIRs paint a damning picture of Kishore Kumar, with allegations mounting against him and his associates. In an attempt to further muddy the waters, known rowdy-sheeter Sridhar filed a PCR, only for the High Court to step in on July 24, 2024, calling it an outright abuse of the legal process.

But in this web of half-truths, Kumaraswamy's sympathies for Kishore Kumar raise questions. Why is a suspended officer accused of perjury in the Supreme Court, which is pending in CID, receiving such support?

It all started after the papers from the Lokayukta office seeking sanction to prosecute Kumaraswamy leaked from either the Lokayukta office or Raj Bhavan recently.

Snehamayi Krishna terms FIR against him a 'conspiracy'

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HER husband died in 2020, Lavanya stated. She mentioned in her complaint that Krishna, who is accused number 4 in the FIR, had assaulted her and made threatening remarks against her and her mother. The police have registered the case under Sections U/s 85, 126(2), 74, 352, 351(2), 79, and 3(5) of BNS. The other accused are Prabha, who is accused number 1, Siddappa (A2) and Dhaba Jayakumar (A3).

Snehamayi Krishna on Sunday vehemently denied the allegations and termed them false and a deliberate conspiracy to thwart his activism. "This is yet another attempt to suppress my fight against corruption. Even if I am jailed, my battle will continue," he told reporters.

Meanwhile, Krishna revealed that he has written to the Enforcement Directorate (ED), seeking an investigation into large-scale corruption within the Mysore Urban Development Authority (MUDA) and alleged that over Rs 5,000 crore has been misappropriated.

"I have already sent an email to ED and will submit a complaint on Monday personally. My intention is to bring to light irregularities in MUDA's site allotment process since 2015. Deserving beneficiaries have been denied plots. I have already filed a writ petition before the court, seeking a comprehensive probe by the CBI," he added.

APOLOGISE TO KUMARASWAMY IMMEDIATELY OR FACE ACTION FROM CADRE CONTROL, JOSHI WARNS LOKAYUKTA ADGP

HUBBALLI: Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution **Pralhad Joshi** said necessary action will be taken on Lokayukta ADGP M Chandrashekar for using abusive words against Union minister HD Kumaraswamy through Cadre Control. Joshi added that if the officer has knowledge about the Service Conduct Rules, he should immediately apologise for using such words. "This will not be tolerated if an officer uses such words against a people's representative and that too a Union minister. The Cadre Control will consider it seriously. Kumaraswamy has never used abusive words against anybody and he has not talked about this officer in singular words. If there is an order from the government, the officer can investigate and give a statement in clean language. Such words will not be suitable for officers. This situation is a mirror of the Congress government. The Congress is supporting such officers, which will be a problem to the Congress government itself," added Joshi. Joshi stated that the Congress government is itself not permanent, and warned Chandrashekar to be careful while in service.

The Supreme Court will hear the anticipatory bail plea filed by actor Siddique in a sexual assault case on Monday. Siddique, who is on the run, had moved the apex court after the HC rejected his petition on September 24

Prakash Karat to be the interim coordinator of CPM

Decision after demise of sitting general secretary Sitaram Yechury

PREETHA NAIR @New Delhi

THE CPI(M) appointed former general secretary Prakash Karat on Sunday as the "coordinator of the Polit Bureau and the Central Committee" until the 24th Party Congress next year. Karat served as general secretary from 2005 to 2015.

"The Central Committee of the Communist Party of India (Marxist), now in session in New Delhi, has decided that Comrade Prakash Karat will be the coordinator of the Polit Bureau and the Central Committee, as an interim arrangement until the 24th party Congress to be held in April 2025 at Madurai," the CPI(M) said in a statement.

Just seven months before the crucial summit, Yechury's death came as a heavy blow to the party.

"This decision was taken due to the sad and sudden demise of the sitting general secretary of the CPI(M), Comrade Sitaram Yechury," said the party.

The central committee has unanimously decided to assign the interim responsibility to senior politburo member Prakash Karat, said a party leader. There was a majority opinion that a full-time general secretary should be selected in the Party Congress, said a leader.

The thinking in the party is that as a former general secretary, Karat will be able to steer the party ahead of the crucial Party Congress, scheduled for April 2025 in Madurai.

As the coordinator, Karat will be handling the day-to-day affairs of the party. He will be in charge of preparing the draft political resolution and organizational reports for the party summit. After the demise of Yechury, Karat had called for a 'collective leadership'.

IAF helicopter makes emergency landing in KGF

V VELAYUDHAM @ Kolar

A CHETAK helicopter belonging to the Indian Air Force (IAF), which was on its way from Yelahanka Air Force Station, Bengaluru, to Thambaram Air Force Station, Chennai, made an emergency landing, reportedly due to technical problems, in Doddur Karpanahalli of KGF taluk. According to sources, there were three pilots on board.

KGF SP KM Shantharaju speaks with IAF pilots, after the Chetak helicopter made an emergency landing in DK Halli on Sunday

Speaking to TNIE, KGF Superintendent of Police KM Shantharaju said that locals who were in their fields informed the police that a helicopter had landed in DK Halli, and a police team rushed to the spot. It is learnt that the helicopter suffered technical problems, which prompted its crew to make an emergency landing. All on board, along with the helicopter, are safe.

Shantharaju informed that he also spoke to senior officers of the IAF in Bengaluru, and adhering to protocol, all three pilots were accommodated at the BEML guesthouse, while additional police personnel were deployed to set up a security perimeter around the helicopter.

He added that a team of technicians also reached the spot on another helicopter, to take up maintenance work of the stationed Chetak. To aid them, lighting arrangements were also made near the spot. Meanwhile, another team is reaching the spot by road.

Bioenergy dvpt board chief meets Nepal PM

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KARNATAKA State Bioenergy Development Board Chairman S. E. Sudheendra visited the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal on Saturday and met the acting Prime Minister Prakash Man Singh and enquired about the achievements and accomplishments of Bioenergy development activities in Nepal.

The Chairman also stated that Bioenergy development has been given much impetus under the leadership of Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah and RDPR the RDPR Minister Priyank Kharge.

Sudheendra invited the acting PM to visit Karnataka and the Advanced Bioenergy Research and Quality Assurance Laboratory at University of Agricultural Sciences GKVK, Bengaluru, one of its kind laboratory to test Bio diesel in the country.

Farmers on satyagraha against GM crops

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Tumakuru

WITH the Supreme Court asking the Central government to formulate a national policy with regard to the environmental release of the Genetically Modified (GM) crops, the farmers in Karnataka gave a push for themselves by launching a four day 'satyagraha' at Gandhi school of Natural Farming at Doddahosuru village here on Sunday. The members of Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha from across the state are taking part in the 'satyagraha' that concludes on Gandhi Jayanti day on October 2.

The head of Siddaganga Mutt Sri Siddalinga Swamiji extended his support to the farmers in opposing the GM crops.

"It has been confirmed by many researchers that GM crops are the root cause of cancer as it demands rampant use of pesticides. Therefore, it is imperative that farmers take a decision not to use GM seeds. This should not only cover the entire state, but the country, ensuring that a good environment should be left behind for the next generation", he suggested.

He commended the agricultural scientist Dr Manjunath and his team for launching the 'satyagraha' to create an awareness among the farmers and public in general to bring pressure on the governments to not allow the GM crops.

Former member of Rajya Sabha Anil Hegde said that the JD(U) is against the GM crops, as the party chief and Bihar CM Nitish Kumar has shared his views with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "I as a RS member had raised the issue over hundred times", he claimed. As a result of the GATT agreement, the alarming development is being seen in the agriculture sector, he observed. Congress MLC Madhu Madegowda stressed on the unity among the farmers for the struggle against the GM crops to be successful.

Tejaswi Patel of Sugarcane Growers' Association said that the issue should be raised in the assembly and the parliament.

The resolutions passed in the 'satyagraha' include--the central government should declare that the country is free of GM crops, stop subsidising biotechnology and breeding research, multinational companies should be banned from funding education, among others.

EXPRESS READ

Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara inaugurates an ATM kiosk that dispenses gold coins, in Tumakuru on Sunday

ATM dispensing gold coins comes up in T'kuru

Tumakuru: A first-of-its-kind ATM kiosk that dispenses 24 carat gold coins has come up in Tumakuru. Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara inaugurated the kiosk on the Mahatma Gandhi Road here on Sunday. The ATM, set up by the Tumakuru Merchants Credit Cooperative (TMCC) Bank, dispenses gold coins weighing from half a gram to 10 gram. The home minister lauded TMCC chief Dr N S Jayakumar for the unique initiative. Jayakumar said, "Customers can use their credit and debit cards to buy the coins at the market price on the current day."

2 caught for loitering near MLA Raja Singh's house

Hyderabad: Two youngsters who were found loitering around the house of Goshamahal MLA T Raja Singh on Friday night were caught by his security personnel and handed over to the local police for questioning. The youth, identified as Shaik Ismail and Mohammad Khaja, had reportedly captured photographs of the MLA's house on their phones. Their phones also purportedly had photos of firearms and Raja Singh.

Habitat destruction affects elephant gene pool: Study

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

HABITAT reduction and increased infrastructure works have affected the natural gene pool of Asiatic elephants, stated a study shared by researchers from the National Centre for Biological Science (NCBS) and Indian Institute of Science (IISc) on Saturday.

They also noted that reduced migration of elephants is also affecting their gene pool.

In the study -- "Divergence and serial colonization shape genetic variation and define conservation units in Asian elephants" --published in Current Biology, the researchers have uncovered new insights into the genetic history of Asiatic elephants in India. The research reveals the existence of five genetically distinct populations of Asian elephants in India — more than previously thought. The research team included Prof Uma Ramakrishnan's group from NCBS and Prof Raman Sukumar from IISc.

India is home to 60% of the global population of Asiatic elephants, found across South and Southeast Asia. But today, their habitat is fragmented, surrounded by farmland, human settlements, commercial plantations and linear transport infrastructure. This has resulted in widespread and often severe human- elephant conflicts. Despite their ecological and cultural significance, studies on the population genetic structure, diversity and demographic history of these elephants — critical for identifying conservation and management units — have been limited.

"The identification of these five genetically distinct populations underscores the need for region-specific conservation efforts," the team pointed out. The research team is also planning to develop a genetic toolkit based on DNA extracted from elephant faeces.

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Office of The Chief Engineer (WWM-East), 5th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, KG Road, Bangalore-560009.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Amount Put to Tender EMD
No. BWSSB/CE(WWM-E)/DCE(WWM-E&W)/TA-1/655/2024-25		**Date: 27.09.2024**
1	Providing and laying 1200mm dia RCC NP-3 class sewer pipeline from Balaji Theater to Sandhya Theater coming under AEE(WWM-N-K&T)-2 sub division.	Rs. 408.34 Lakhs / Rs. 6.12 Lakhs
No. BWSSB/CE(WWM-E)/DCE(WWM-E&W)/TA-1/653/2024-25		**Date: 27.09.2024**
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No. BWSSB/CE(WWM-E)/DCE(WWM-E&W)/TA-1/665/2024-25		**Date: 27.09.2024**
3	Providing and laying 1800mm dia RCC NP-3 class sewer pipeline by using Trenchless Technology Method near Madiwala Lake coming under AEE(WWM-N-K&T)-2 sub division.	Rs. 397.75 Lakhs / Rs. 5.96 Lakhs
No. BWSSB/CE(WWM-E)/DCE(WWM-E&W)/TA-1/657/2024-25		**Date: 27.09.2024**
4	Providing and Laying 450/600mm dia RCC sewer line from 12th cross, HSR Car Club to 24th Main Lotus Hospital, HSR Layout.	Rs. 122.49 Lakhs / Rs. 1.83 Lakhs
No. BWSSB/CE(WWM-E)/DCE(WWM-E&W)/TA-1/677/2024-25		**Date: 27.09.2024**
5	Providing and laying 1800mm dia RCC NP-3 class sewer pipeline by using Trenchless Technology Method near Dhobi Ghat NGR Layout coming under AEE(WWM-N-K&T)-2 sub division.	Rs. 397.75 Lakhs / Rs. 5.96 Lakhs

For the above works Last date and time for Receipt of tenders will be on **14.10.2024 upto 17.30 hrs**. The bids will be opened on: **16.10.2024 at 16.00 hrs**.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (WWM-East)

Office of The Chief Engineer (Project), 3rd Floor Cauvery Bhavan, KG Road, Bangalore-560009.

No. BWSSB/CE(P)/ACE(Cstr&DCW)/1293/2024-25		**Date: 27.09.2024**
6	Providing and Laying water supply pipeline to the Bluejay layout of karihobananhalli village coming under 110 villages of BBMP.	Rs. 374.57 Lakhs / Rs. 5.62 Lakhs

For the above works Last date and time for Receipt of tenders will be on **14.10.2024 upto 15.00 hrs**. The Technical bids will be opened on: **15.10.2024 after 16.00 hrs**.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (Project)

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DIPR/CP/2261/Zen/2024-25

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

E-Procurement Notice No:-CE&BM, MBBS 02 OF 2024-25
Bid Identification No: CE&BM, MBBS JKID 02 OF 2024-25

A-346: The Chief Engineer & Basin Manager, Mahanadi, Brahmani & Baitarani System, Chandikhole on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites on-line Percentage Rate Tender through e-procurement in double cover system.

Table - 1: Details of Critical Dates, details of work, Bid Security

Pkg. No.	Name of works	Approx. Tender Cost	Class of Contractor	Bid Security/EMD-(online)- (in INR)	Cost of tender document-(online)- (in INR)	Period of Completion
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Protection to Scoured bank of Flood Protection Embankment on Kushei Right near Harikansa, Majhipal, Jalsuan, Bangarkota & Sainkula	Rs 948.87 Lakh (Excluding G.S.T)	A & Special Class	Rs. 9,48,900/-	Rs.10,000/-	12 (Twelve) Calendar Months

Table - 2: e-Procurement Details

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender on-line for bidding		Date of Seeking tender clarification	Date & time of opening of Tender		Place of opening
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Chief Engineer & Basin Manager, Mahanadi, Brahmani & Baitarani System, Chandikhole	CE&BM, MBBS JKID 02 OF 2024-25	Dt 01.10.2024 at 10.00 hours	Dt 18.10.2024 up to 17.00 hours	Dt 01.10.2024 to 15.10.2024 at Office during office hours.	Dt 19.10.2024 at 11.00 Hours	To be intimated after evaluation of Technical Bid.	Office of Chief Engineer &Basin Manager, Mahanadi, Brahmani & Baitarani System, Chandikhole

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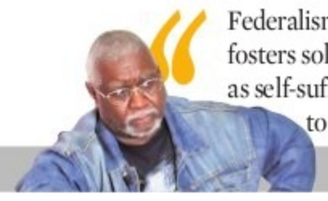

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MAKE IN INDIA PROGRAMME LEAVES MUCH TO BE DESIRED

THE Make in India programme has completed 10 years. The project was launched by the Narendra Modi government in 2014 to give a major push to the manufacturing sector. The aim was to take the share of manufacturing in GDP, which was 15 percent in 2014, to 25 percent by 2020. In its earlier days, the programme focused on easing the rules of investments, creating better infrastructure, opening up more sectors for FDI, fostering innovations by making the rules for intellectual property rights more effective, and developing skills.

On the completion of 10 years of Make in India, the government has declared the programme a success. To prove its point, the government has been showcasing the success in some sectors such as electronics, defence, toys etc, where exports have shown tremendous growth. Mobile exports surged from ₹1,556 crore in 2014 to ₹1.2 lakh crore by March 2024. Defence exports soared from ₹1,000 crore to ₹21,000 crore, while exports of toys have zoomed 239% over the past 10 years. There are pockets of success stories of the Make in India scheme, primarily due to the Production-linked Scheme (PLI), which was launched in April 2020. Under PLI, the government is offering companies in 14 sectors cash incentives to produce in India.

However, beyond this, the scheme has largely been ineffective in either increasing the share of manufacturing in GDP or attracting major investments in the country. Even on the employment front, manufacturing jobs remain few and far between. The share of value addition by manufacturing sector is 15.9 percent in 2023-24 compared to 16.7 percent of GDP (in constant price) in 2013-14. Even in terms of FDI, net FDI inflows have come down from 1.5 percent of GDP in 2013-14 to 0.8 percent in 2023-24. The reasons for a rather insipid response to the Make in India programme are many. For one, ease of doing business is still a far cry from what is claimed on paper. High incidence of taxation and high handedness in dealing with tax litigation cases is another headache. Scarcity of skilled workers in India and competition from Vietnam and Bangladesh for low-skilled manufacturing also add to the woes.

RECKLESS DEMOLITIONS IN HYDERABAD MUST STOP

WHEN Telangana CM A Revanth Reddy's brainchild Hyderabad Disaster Response and Assets Monitoring and Protection Agency (HYDRAA) went after a few farmhouses and structures constructed on encroached lands near lakes in Hyderabad a few weeks ago, everyone welcomed it in the belief that removal of encroachments would help the city. Fast forward to the present, that belief has been replaced with fear as the tentacles of the government began to reach the doorstep of thousands of people, all either middle class or poor, living for years in the Musi buffer zone.

The powerful lot owning farmhouses, guest houses and villas in other areas have all but been forgotten. In the name of the Musi River Development project, the government appears entirely focused on removing the encroachments on either side of the 55-km stretch of the river. The problem is, there are around 10,200 structures of all kinds in the region. The authorities, who are on the job of surveying, have understandably been met with stiff resistance. On the other hand, the HYDRAA bulldozed illegal buildings in Ameenpur including one of a family that celebrated a housewarming ceremony only recently. A woman in Kukadpally died by suicide over fears that her daughters' houses would be demolished. It is obvious that thousands of families are going through a nightmare. The question is, should the government go ahead bulldozing unauthorised structures? It is not a simple question of yes or no. Successive governments turned a blind eye to encroachments as real estate boomed and local officials issued permissions left, right and centre. Properties were registered and the government has been collecting taxes. In normal course, if a builder claims to have all permissions, many customers do not check nor are they even aware of buffer zones. And on top of it, if lower level officials collude with builders and grant permits, there is no way for any customer to doubt the building's legality. At the same time, a responsible government cannot continue to ignore the encroachments since river Musi might flood the region in the future as it did in the past.

The solution is neither upending the lives of thousands within a short span nor let things be as they are. We suggest the government stop its demolition job for now and allay the apprehensions of people by precisely calculating compensation and rehabilitation. Demolition and rehabilitation cannot be a simultaneous job when people have been living in the area for years having constructed houses by the sweat of their brow. Give them choices of either relocating to government-built flats or accept compensation. The government must understand that often, the road to hell is paved with good intentions.

QUICK TAKE

FAST-TRACK COURTS ON SLOW TRACK

AFTER the Supreme Court had criticised governments for being slow to deliver justice to victims of sex crimes, the Union government declared in 2019 it would incentivise states to set up fast-track special courts to exclusively handle such cases. By the end of 2023, only 757 such courts, including 411 to deal with POCSO cases, were functional in 30 states and Union territories. The target was to have 2,600 such courts by 2026, but now the government has lowered its aim because of a lack of judicial officers to staff them. It's crucial for states and their high courts to inject urgency and speed into this effort.

There is no reason to believe expenditure will be less with synchronised polls as there could be frequent polls even after it is introduced. Instead, it could diminish democracy in several ways

ONE NATION, ONE ELECTION: YET ANOTHER *JUMLA*

KAPIL SIBAL

Senior lawyer and member of Rajya Sabha

ONE Nation One Election is a political slogan. The agenda of the BJP is to have synchronised elections. What that means is to have elections to the Lok Sabha and state assemblies together. But that has nothing to do with one nation. It is not as if since 1952, when there has been the absence of a law to hold synchronised elections, that we were not 'one nation'.

'One election' is also a misnomer. As contemplated by the Ram Nath Kovind Committee, 'one election', at the beginning, will be synchronised, but there will be situations when elections will have to be held mid-stream. In this case, there will be elections for the remaining term either in relation to the Lok Sabha or state assemblies depending on when the government falls. Therefore, the notion of 'one election' is yet another *jumla*. Both the slogan and motive are political.

Ram Nath Kovind, having held the presidential office, should never have consented to preside over this Committee. Having represented the republic, he should not be seen implementing the political agenda of a party. More so because the terms of reference of the committee was to provide a roadmap for implementing the ONOE agenda and not give its opinion on whether such a massive change requiring 15 constitutional amendments was desirable.

In the event, synchronised elections are to be held in 2029. The term of 17 state assemblies will be truncated for they would not have completed their respective five-year term. This violates the basic structure of the Constitution. The reason is every government has a constitutional right to complete its term in office. The rationale behind it is that political parties, through their manifestos, publicise their agenda for governance to persuade people to vote for them. Citizens have a right to know how the party in power has performed during its term. A depleted term will impact the credibility of parties.

The rationale given for simultaneous elections is that this will reduce expenditure. The 2019 Lok Sabha elections cost ₹60,000 crore and in 2024, ₹1,35,000 crore. It is perceived that with synchronised elections, there will be savings both for the public exchequer and parties. The second reason given is that the resources saved will be better utilised by political parties and that frequent elections have resulted in a policy paralysis, which is not good for governance. Apart from this, there are reasons relating to administrative efficiency, internal security, reduction in populist measures, increase in voter turnout, perceived social harmony and political stability.

SOURAV ROY

It is unthinkable for any political party in government to give expenditure and consequential savings for conducting elections as a justification for violating the basic structure of the Constitution. To me, this is a spurious and irrelevant reason for introducing 15 constitutional amendments. There is no reason to believe that expenditure will be less because there could be frequent elections even after the introduction of synchronised elections, both in state assemblies and the Lok Sabha. Some believe the savings on account of synchronised elections would be about ₹5,000 crore. Whether these savings will be better utilised by political parties is debatable. We have seen in the recent past how one party used the massive resources created through electoral bonds to build five-star party offices and for huge rallies and infrastructural arrangements during elections.

The most serious implication of this ill-thought proposal is that it will diminish democracy in several ways. First, every elected member of the Lok Sabha and the state assembly is aware that 50 percent of them are not likely to be re-elected. Most of them would like to serve their entire term. In case of loss of confidence in the government, either at the centre or state, assuming this happens two or three years after the members are elected, none would want a re-election, given the massive expenditure for a truncated term. The natural inclination of such a member, even in the opposition ranks, would be that the government should not fall. Besides, this would be a valid reason by the government in power to persuade the opposition not to risk an election. Such a constitutional scheme is per-se anti-democratic.

Second, what manifesto and policy framework can a party project when the balance term of the Lok Sabha or state assembly is 2-3 years? Its programmes can never see fruition in such a short time. The constitution makers contemplated a five-year term, the underlying theme of elections in India which, according to me, is part of the basic structure of the Constitution. Any attempt to tinker with that will be unconstitutional. In the event of the president's rule being imposed in a state, say three or four years into its term, it will be difficult for people to be enthused about an election for the balance of one or two years. That makes no sense.

Freebies will still be distributed, whether the elections are synchronised or not. They can well be distributed mid-term. We have seen how the BJP has jettisoned governance and the development agenda, concentrating on ways to aggrandise and misuse power for political supremacy. They have been instrumental in destroying social harmony, even when no election is in sight. There is no reason to believe there will be an increased turnout or that synchronised elections will improve internal security.

The other serious consequence will be that local agendas and concerns within states will be blacked out by a national campaign through mainstream media. This directly impacts our federal structure. One of the most beneficial aspects of having state elections at different times is that state-specific and local issues become matters of national debate and therefore are central to decision-making processes both at the centre and state levels. That benefit will have been lost through synchronised elections.

This 'One Nation One Election' is just another thoughtless slogan, unrelated to the developmental concerns of a nation crying for change.

(Views are personal)
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RECOGNISING THE REACH OF THE EPIC OF ASIA

RENUKA NARAYANAN

FAITHLINE

WITH Pitr Paksh going on and millions of people remembering their ancestors, I am reminded of North Indians of diverse religious backgrounds saying, "*Hum Ram ke vanshaj hain*," meaning, 'We are descendants of Rama'. This did not mean they had abandoned their respective religions. It was an assertion of cultural belonging, transcending caste and creed. Indians seem to have three kinds of reactions to the *Ramayana*—faith, critique and political ploy, forgetting that beyond religion, it's about culture. The epics are so entrenched in language, literature, the arts that we would be cultural orphans without their shared heritage.

The critique part has been dinned in our ears via English for decades. But long before that, Sita's fate tortured even the most dedicated Ram-bhakts, including influential poets like Narayana Bhattadri of Kerala and the Telugu saint-composer Thyagaraja. It was the grain of sand in the story that chafed us down the ages and the biggest pearl it produced as the zeitgeist evolved was the Constitution of India, which enshrined equal rights and justice for women like never before.

The political part too has been analysed to shreds, but I submit that it's coming from the *Ramcharitmanas* of Goswami Tulsidas. Not that it is poor Tulsi's fault. Written at the height of Mughal rule, the *Ramcharitmanas* changed the history of religion in North India. Some Hindus in Kashi opposed Tulsi for daring to retell the epic in everyday speech. Ironically, it was fellow poet Abdur Rahim Khan-e-Khanan, then Mughal governor of Kashi, who protected Tulsi's spiritual and artistic freedom.

However, Tulsi's Ram is a faultless figure in monochrome gold, unlike Valmiki's humanly-textured hero. So, it strikes me that since everything has a socio-historic context, was Tulsi's Ram the deeply internalised response of North Indian Hinduism to the monotheism of the invaders? The political attempts today to make Ram a war-like rallying point suggest the possibility. It may be something to consider.

The Indian relationship with the *Ramayana* is so organic we take it for granted. But what was so gripping about this epic across Asia—from Mongolia to Japan to Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia, Thailand, Indonesia, the Philippines and others—that they integrated it into their own culture? They even developed entire art forms for it, like the Wayang of Indonesia (shadow puppet-theatre on the *Ramayana* and *Mahabharata*) and the Ramakien dance-theatre of Thailand.

A mega *Ramayana* conference in Delhi was held by the Sahitya Akademi in 1975 and international research papers shared were enlightening. They attested to how the *Ramayana* is truly 'the epic of Asia', widely transcending religion and language. The evidence was overwhelming.

To cite a few instances from personal observation, Southeast Asians instantly recognised Hanuman as an action hero. Thai boxing has sequences of moves dedicated to Hanuman and great Ramakien actors are identified with Hanuman's role. The Philippines version of Sita's *agni pariksha* displays its particular cultural melange, with Agni in a red dhoti bearing Sita in the Christian bride's white gown, denoting purity.

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> The Indian relationship with the *Ramayana* is so organic we take it for granted. But it was so gripping across Asia that it was integrated into many nations' cultures. Some developed entire art forms for it, like the Wayang of Indonesia and the Ramakien dance-theatre of Thailand

In the heart of Asia, I met the Uzbek national poet Muhammed Jon, who translated the *Ramayana* into Uzbek *slokas*. He recited a verse to me about the battlefield of Lanka bristling with swords. Why labour for years over the *Ramayana*? "To build Uzbek literature with a foundational Asian work," he said. It was Qamar Rais, former head of the Indian Cultural Centre at Tashkent, who translated the *Ramayana* into its well-known Russian version.

In sum, Asia has a deep engagement with and active ownership of the *Ramayana*. But due to our colonially-ordered and Delhi-centric view of history, the epic, to us, remains an unsung element in Asia's cultural bloodstream. Disadvantaged by India's history books and dragged down by politics of various hues, the *Ramayana* lacks elegant Indian spokespersons. This is to the scorn and amazement of Asian countries that have created their own exquisite versions irrespective of being Buddhist, Christian or Muslim, and had no qualms naming a national airline 'Garuda' or decorating city centrums and international airports with gigantic sculptures of the 'Parthasarathiyam' and the 'Samudra Manthan'.

Asians know the *Ramayana* came their way from the ancient seafarers of India's Eastern shores, who sang to them of a beloved prince and his brothers born of a childless king's sacrifice. That an imperious sage helped the princes win beautiful princesses, that a palace intrigue not only dispossessed the prince overnight but exiled him to the forest for 14 years, that his loyal bride and a devoted brother went with him; that his father died of grief; and of another brother's selfless love and loyalty.

They told of a vengeful vamp, a lustful demon-king, an alluring golden deer and a shameful kidnap in disguise; that a brave old vulture died trying to save the princess. They sang of the prince's distraught search through many lands, of demons destroyed, a noble *vanara*, a pact, a flying leap, a talisman ring, the burning of the proud island city where the princess was captive, the bridge of boulders, the battle, the victory, and the homecoming in the flying chariot.

In depth and range, the *Ramayana* is the ultimate Asian drama, with not a thing left out—kings, queens, humble folk, wicked people, staunch souls, supernatural beings, a fight against terrible odds and a heartbreaking love story. Is it any wonder that Asia's peoples were entranced? To know the grander reality of the *Ramayana* is to transcend divisive paltriness. Will we *vanshaj* listen?

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Corporate exploitation

Ref: *Harvest of despair and political famine* (Sep 29). The onset of globalisation has opened up the agriculture sector to corporate exploitation. The vagaries of nature also compounded the woes of the community. Agricultural laws need a nasal feeding to farmers for their welfare measures and survival.
Katragadda Sarveswara Rao, Bhubaneswar

Beyond symbolism

Ref: *United Nations: Altar of lip-sync, graveyard of peace* (Sep 29). The article accurately portrays the current functioning of the UN and effectively describes it as a symbol of inaction amidst global challenges like humanitarian crises and armed conflicts. To regain credibility, the UN must go beyond symbolism and take concrete action through authentic diplomacy. The world needs to see real change, not just empty words.
NR Jagannath, Bengaluru

UN's reformation

The column is a powerful critique of the UN, highlighting its need for reform and greater effectiveness. While the tone may be stark, the insights offered are valuable for anyone interested in international relations and global governance.
Avinashiappan Myilsami, Sulur

Star campaigner

On the advice of Tamil Nadu CM M K Stalin, the state's Governor R N Ravi appointed Udhayanidhi Stalin as deputy CM. He deserves the post. He was a star campaigner during the TN assembly election in 2021. Symbolically, he showed every election meeting a brick, indicating the AIIMS construction work at Madurai yet to begin.
G Purushothaman, Tirunelveli

Dynastic politics

Dynastic politics came full circle in DMK on Saturday when Stalin's son Udhayanidhi became the deputy CM. After all, the sole qualification required for such posts is that he or she should be from the late Karunanidhi's family. It is sad to see senior politicians of the party—Durai Murugan and T R Baalu—sporting superficial smiles and welcoming the change.
S Ramakrishnasayee, Chennai

Political tactic

Filing an FIR against Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and a few other BJP functionaries on the issue of electoral bonds appears to merely be a political tactic to score brownie points. Electoral bonds have been in place for quite some time and one fails to understand somebody choosing it to file a complaint against the FM now.
R Sriramprasad, email

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Anurag Thakur @rssurjewala
Earlier, we were put in jail for hoisting the tricolour flag at Lal Chowk in Kashmir, today the tricolour flies proudly at the same Lal Chowk for 24 hours.

Jitendra Patwari @jitupatwari
Over 5,000 government schools in Madhya Pradesh have not enrolled a single student in Class 1 in this academic session (2024-25).

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
BJP finds happiness in demolishing well-established homes ... With every house that falls, BJP also falls even lower.

■ Congress-NC focuses on statehood after scrapping of special status ■ Cong chief campaigns in Jammu region

Article 370 key poll pitch as campaign ends in J&K

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

THE high-pitched campaigning for the third and final phase of polling in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly elections concluded on Sunday evening, with major political parties engaging in fierce exchanges over Article 370, statehood and terrorism.

Voting will be held on October 1 in 40 assembly constituencies, including 24 in Jammu and 16 in the Valley. For the first time in over three decades, there was a high-octane poll campaign in both Jammu and Kashmir regions. Analysts say political leaders and candidates campaigned openly without any fear and threat, and there was greater participation of people in poll-related events.

It was the first assembly poll since abrogation of Articles 370 and 35A and bifurcation of J&K state into two Union Territories on August 5, 2019. It was also the first assembly poll in J&K in a decade — the last poll was held in 2014.

The parties used star campaigners to woo the voters and drum up public support in their favour. Being the first elections after the scrapping of J&K's special status, the campaigns remained centred on Article 370 and statehood.

NC candidate Farooq Ahmad Shah at a rally in Tangmarg, Baramulla district | PTI

BJP leaders including PM Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, party chief JP Nadda and UP CM Yogi Adityanath campaigned in the polls and their focus remained Article 370 abrogation and the peace it brought to the region and doing away with discrimination by granting citizenship and voting rights to West Pakistan refugees and reservation to Gujjars, Bakerwals, Paharis and other communities.

Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge and senior leader Rahul Gandhi led the party campaign with the focus on restoration of statehood to J&K, filling one lakh government jobs and freebies on electricity. Although Congress leaders shied away from discussing Article 370, they talked about safeguarding jobs and land rights of local population. The regional parties — NC, PDP and Peoples Conference — majorly focused on restoration of Article 370 and statehood and jobs for unemployed youth.

Baramulla MP Er Rashid, who heads the Awami Ittihad Party and is on an interim bail till October 2, called for resolution of the Kashmir issue, holding talks with all stakeholders in J&K, restoration of Article 370 and statehood.

Kharge feels dizzy during speech in Kathua, resumes address after treatment

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

CONGRESS president Mallikarjun Kharge on Sunday fell unwell while addressing a poll rally in Kathua and after being given medical assistance said he won't die till Prime Minister Narendra Modi is removed from power, and pledged to restore statehood to J&K.

"I am 83 years old, and I am not going to die so early. I will stay alive till Modi is removed from power. I will listen to you and fight for you," Kharge said after resuming his address following a brief pause.

"We will definitely restore statehood. We will fight for it. Whatever happens, I won't leave it," he said. The Congress in its manifesto has pledged to restore statehood to J&K.

Earlier, Kharge said the BJP government never wanted to hold Assembly elections in J&K as they wanted to run the government via remote control through Lieutenant Governor. "It was only after the Supreme Court order that Assembly elections are being held in J&K," he said.

Congress president accused PM Modi of "shedding crocodile tears" on the future of J&K youth. "The BJP has pushed J&K youth into the darkest era for which PM Modi is responsible. They say they will provide five lakh jobs to youth. This has been said by the PM and HM during rallies in J&K. I want to ask them what they have been doing for 10 years," he said.

We will definitely restore statehood. We will fight for it. Whatever happens, I won't leave it

Mallikarjun Kharge, Congress chief

Kharge said 65% jobs in J&K are lying vacant. "There is one lakh backlog jobs in J&K. Why recruitment was not done to fill these jobs. The BJP is befooling the people and telling lies. Their intention is not to give jobs to youth," he said, adding that the NC-Congress will definitely form government and recruit for 1 lakh jobs.

Rejecting the BJP claim that Congress is going to withdraw reservation, he said, "Till there is untouchability and casteism, reservation will continue."

POWER GAMES

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Indo-Russian Ties

JAISHANKAR-MANTUROV MEET IN MUMBAI ON NOV 11

The next meeting of the India-Russia Intergovernmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technical and Cultural Cooperation is scheduled to take place in Mumbai on November 11 this year. The Indian side will be headed by external affairs minister S Jaishankar, while the Russian delegation will be headed by First Deputy Prime Minister and minister for industry and trade Denis Manturov. The two sides will review the progress made by the working groups and sub-working groups of the commission on cooperation in the field of energy, transport, trade, banking and financial matters, communication technologies, agriculture, pharmaceuticals, priority investment projects, etc and seek to resolve the pending issues. India is likely to raise the issue of equity oil offtake from Sakhalin-1, while the Russian side may flag the delay in its projects in India and the continued stalemate over setting up payment mechanisms between the two countries.

Member CBIC

GARG, SINGH, CHATURVEDI LEAD RACE FOR 2 POSTS

The Union government has initiated the process to appoint two members of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC). The board will soon have two vacancies as Rajiv Talwar, Member (Compliance Management) is scheduled to retire on November 30 and Alok Shukla, Member (Administration) will retire on December 31. Sources said ten officers have been selected for interviews in two batches of five each. The interviews are scheduled for September 30 and October 3. Senior IRS officers Yogendra Garg, Vivek Chaturvedi, Mohan Kumar Singh, Ravinder Saroop and Mahendra Ranga will be interviewed on September 30. Rajkumar, Valte Vungzamuan, Prachi Saroop, Rimjhim Prasad and Rajesh Jindal are scheduled to be interviewed on October 3. According to sources, Yogendra Garg, Mohan Kumar Singh and Vivek Chaturvedi are among the frontrunners for the two posts.

Trouble in Punjab

MLAs SEEK MANN'S OUSTER AS AAP SUPPORT SHRINKS

All is not well in the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in Punjab. The MLAs belonging to the state's ruling party are growing increasingly restless, and there are murmurs within the party of a section demanding that chief minister Bhagwant Mann be replaced with a more acceptable leader. Mann enjoys the trust of AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal. However, the rising number of MLAs seeking a change in leadership in Punjab is a matter of concern for him. The party's waning influence on the state's voters has also emboldened Mann's detractors. The AAP had stormed into office in Punjab by winning 92 out of the 117 assembly seats, trouncing the two national parties – BJP and Congress – and the main regional player, Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD). However, two years after this spectacular victory, the party faced a humiliating defeat in the Lok Sabha polls. It could win only three out of the 13 parliamentary seats, with the opposition Congress bagging seven, SAD winning one and two seats going to independents. Sources said the AAP chief is keen to put his house in order. There are several names doing rounds as Mann's replacement, including Assembly Speaker Kultar Singh Sandhwan, education minister Harjot Bains and finance minister Harpal Cheema.

Constable, militant killed in encounter in J&K's Kathua

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

A police head constable and a militant were killed in an encounter in a forest area in the border district of Kathua in Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday, while another encounter broke out in the neighbouring Rajouri district.

Jammu ADGP Anand Jain said a police head constable, Bashir Ahmed, was killed in an encounter with militants in the village Kog (Mandli) in Kathua district on Saturday evening.

He said a joint party of police, Army and CRPF had launched a search operation in the area on Saturday afternoon after receiving inputs about the presence of militants. "There was a firefight between militants and troops during the search operation in the evening in which head constable Bashir Ahmed was killed and Dy SP Sukhbir Singh and ASI Niaz Ahmed injured," he said.

The injured DySP and ASI were shifted to a nearby hospital, where doctors have termed their condition as stable. "The search operation continued in the area and the contact was again established with militants on Sunday morning. In the firefight, a militant was killed," the ADGP said.

A large cache of arms and ammunition and war-like stores were recovered from the slain militant, who is suspected to be a Pakistani national. "We have got inputs that a group of 2-3 militants are hiding in the area and the search is going on," a police officer said.

As the searches were going on in Kathua, a firefight broke out between militants and security forces during a search operation in the neighbouring Rajouri district. "Based on specific intelligence about presence of terrorists, a joint search operation was launched by security forces at Manial Gali, Thanamandi in Rajouri district on Sunday. Afew rounds have been fired from both sides," ADGP said. The area has been cordoned off and more troops rushed to tighten the siege.

Govt plans to upgrade fencing, build bullet-proof posts along Pak border

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

AMID recent spurt in terror attacks in Jammu region, the Central government has decided to upgrade infrastructure along the frontiers with Pakistan, with a plan to build bulletproof posts for the security forces to monitor infiltration, officials said on Sunday.

Along with the proposals for Jammu and Kashmir, various border projects in Rajasthan, Gujarat and Punjab were also discussed in a high-level meeting chaired by Home Minister Amit Shah, the officials said.

According to sources privy to the information, reports of a hydrological and reconnaissance survey were presented before the committee to indicate various design parameters for preliminary estimates of the proposed projects.

Sources indicated that development projects across various rivers close to the India-Pakistan border were given an approval at the meeting. These projects, with an estimated cost of ₹1,500 crore, aim to improve access to the border areas.

The officials, while sharing further details regarding the decisions taken at the high-level meeting, said that the number of border posts along western frontiers would be increased and a few of them, considered more prone to infiltration, will be bulletproof.

The decision to build bulletproof posts was taken in the backdrop of recent unprovoked firing by the Pakistan Rangers in which a BSF jawan was injured, sources said, adding that such sentry posts would help the force prevent casualties.

A source said, "A proposal for the construction of roads from border outposts to the fence along the Indo-Pakistan border across various infiltration-prone Jammu districts including Kathua and Samba sectors, have been approved."

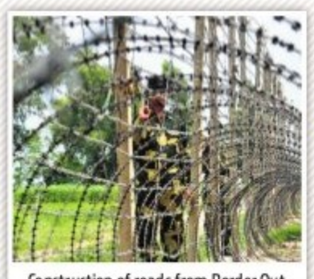
This year, Rajouri and Poonch have seen multiple terror attacks on the Army and civilians. These attacks have shown a change in strategy of terrorists in targeting Indians.

In addition, the Committee has also cleared projects in different locations in the Ferozepur and Abohar sectors of Punjab along India-Pakistan borders.

Armored cables will be used with high-quality lighting along the Indo-Pakistan border. New high powered LED lights will be brought for night checking. In Rajasthan, over ₹500 crore will be allocated for fencing and walls with a new layered design.

FORTIFYING THE BORDER

Bulletproof posts for security forces to monitor infiltration



Construction of roads from Border Out Posts to the border fencing across districts including Kathua and Samba sectors

Increasing number of border posts along western frontiers

₹1,500 CR worth development projects across various rivers close to the India-Pakistan border

Projects in different locations in Ferozepur & Abohar sectors of Punjab

Armored cables with high-quality lighting along the border

New high-powered LED lights for night checking

₹500 CR for fencing and walls with a new layered design in Rajasthan

Govt plans 3 Bills to implement 'One Nation One Poll'

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

A week after Union Cabinet approved the proposal for 'One Nation, One Election' as recommended by a high-level committee headed by former President Ram Nath Kovind, the government is likely to bring three Bills in Parliament during the winter session or budget session.

Of this, two Bills include amending the Constitution to put in place the government's plan to hold simultaneous elections for the Lok Sabha, state assemblies and local bodies in a phased manner.

The Kovind committee had proposed simultaneous elections to the Lok Sabha and state assemblies as the first step, and synchronised polls to local bodies within 100 days of the general election. It had recommended 15 amendments to the Constitution to be carried out through two Constitution Amendment Bills. If the government decides to carry out the Kovind committee proposal from 2029, as many as 17 states will have tenure of assemblies for less than three years.

The committee had proposed amendments to three Articles, insertion of 12 new sub-clauses in the existing Articles and tweaking three laws related to Union Territories with legislative assemblies. The total number of amendments and new insertions stands at 18.

However, experts have pointed out that to pass the Constitutional Amendment Bills, a special majority of not less than two-thirds of the House will be required. The government needs the support of 362 members, though the NDA has only 292 members in the House.

As most Opposition parties and the 'neutral' parties such as BJD have opposed the Bill, the government has a tough task at hand.

Citing the committee's recommendations, sources said the proposed Bill would seek to amend Article 82A by adding sub-clause (1) relating to the 'appointed date'. It will also seek to insert sub-clause (2) to Article 82A relating to the end of terms of the Lok Sabha and state assemblies together.

The Bill also proposes to amend Article 83(2) and insert new sub-clauses (3) and (4) relating to the duration and dissolution of the Lok Sabha. It also has provisions related to the dissolution of the legislative assemblies and amending Article 327 to insert the term 'simultaneous elections'. This Bill will not need ratification by at least 50% of the states, the recommendation said.

One of the proposed Constitutional Amendment Bills, which deals with aligning the local body elections to that of the Lok Sabha and the assemblies, will require an endorsement from at least 50% of the states.

The second Constitutional Amendment Bill will seek to amend constitutional provisions relating to the preparation of electoral rolls by the Election Commission in consultation with State Election Commissions for local body polls.

The second Bill will also create provisions to hold simultaneous elections to municipalities and panchayats, along with elections to Lok Sabha and state legislative assemblies by inserting a new Article 324A.

The third Bill will be an ordinary one to amend provisions in three laws dealing with Union Territories with legislative assemblies — Puducherry, Delhi and Jammu and Kashmir — to align the terms of these Houses with other legislative assemblies and the Lok Sabha as proposed in the first Constitutional Amendment Bill.

The statutes it proposes to amend are the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi Act-1991, the Government of Union Territories Act-1963 and the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act-2019.

Panel proposed cuts and stitches to existing laws

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A decade of 'Make in India': Modi asks people to buy local products for festivals

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

ON completion of 10 years of 'Make in India' initiative, Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his 114th episode of the monthly radio programme 'Maan Ki Baat' on Sunday urged the people to buy locally made products during festivals.

He also invited the creator community to showcase their talent and strengthen the 'Create in India' movement.

He also said that 'Mann Ki Baat' shows people like positive stories and inspiring examples. "This episode today is going to make me emotional. It is flooding me with a lot of memories. The reason is that this journey of ours in 'Mann Ki Baat' is completing 10 years. 'Mann Ki Baat' started on the day of Vijayadashami on October 3, a decade ago", he said.

"This year on October 3 when 10 years of 'Mann Ki Baat' are completed, it will be the first day of Navratri," he said.

The PM cited many examples of Make in India initiative taken up across the country. He also emphasised water conservations practices and cited some examples from several states.

In today's world, India has become a manufacturing powerhouse and it is because of the youth power of the country that the whole world is looking up to us

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

Highlighting the success of Make in India initiative, the PM said the programme has facilitated a rise in exports from every sector. The rise in Foreign Direct Investment is a testimony to its success, he said.

Speaking about his mantra of governance —Vikas (development) with 'Virasat' (heritages), the PM referred to his recent visit to the US. "The return of nearly 300 antiquities to India has widely been appreciated. It shows when people start taking pride in their heritage, the world respects their sentiments," he said, adding that a large number of ancient artefacts were brought back from different countries in the last 10 years of his government.

"In today's world, India has become a manufacturing powerhouse and it is because of the youth power of the country that the whole world is looking up to us," he said.

He also suggested that people gift their loved ones something made locally. "Any product that has been made with the sweat of an Indian artisan is our pride — we always have to lend glory to this pride," he said.

THEFT

Police have arrested two former employees of a private hospital and another person for allegedly stealing ₹21 lakh cash from a doctor's cabin at the medical facility in Thane distict of Maharashtra, an official said on Sunday.

3 DEAD

4 HURT AS BUS COLLIDES WITH TRUCK IN BIHAR

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	30	25	Mumbai	32	25
Bhopal	29	23	Panaji	30	26
Jaipur	32	24	Patna	30	25
Amritsar	32	24	Lucknow	30	24
Chennai	33	27	Port Blair	31	26
Kolkata	33	27	Imphal	29	20
Srinagar	26	12	Chandigarh	29	22

5 CRPF men injured in Naxal blast

Explosion took place when a team was out on a de-mining exercise in south Bastar area

EJAZ KAISER @Raipur

FIVE CRPF personnel, including an assistant commandant, were injured in an improvised explosive device (IED) blast triggered by Naxalites on Sunday in Chhattisgarh's south Bastar area, police said.

The incident occurred in Usur block of Bijapur district while the forces were on a combing operation against the outlaws. The forces have stepped up operations as Union home minister Amit Shah had last month declared in Raipur that the country will be free from the Maoist problem by March 2006.

"A team of CRPF 153 battalion was out on a de-mining exercise when an IED exploded at Tarnem-Gundam area of Bijapur district. The squad was carrying out the task to track down IEDs and defuse them. The troops spotted a wire attached to the pressure IED. As the search for the bomb connected to the wire was on, it exploded causing splinter injuries to five personnel," a Bijapur police officer said.

The IED blast incident occurred only 350 metres from the CRPF's Chinnaglur base camp. The troopers immediately took positions but there was no exchange of firing.

The personnel received splinter injuries on the face, eyes and above their abdomen area. After the early treatment in the camp, the jawans were brought to the Bijapur district headquarters and later shifted to Raipur.

Besides CRPF assistant commandant Vaidya Sanket Devidas, the other injured included inspector Sanjay Kumar and three constables B Pawan Kalyan, Lochan Mahto and Dhole Rajendra Ashurba.

"The conditions of all the injured remain stable and out of danger," the Bijapur police officer said. As the troops are aggressively launching anti-Maoist operations in the conflict zone of Bastar zone, the IEDs remain the easiest weapon for the banned outfit to inflict damage on the security forces, said Brigadier (rtd) B K Ponwar, a guerrilla warfare expert.

Shah declared the deadline on eliminating the left-wing extremists with the revised plan of action aimed at final assault against the rebels with the twin objectives.

First, the efforts were directed to establish rule of law in the Maoist-affected areas, and second, to develop the area that witnessed destruction. Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai had said that the battle against the Maoists would continue till they were wiped out.

So far 157 Maoist cadres have been neutralised by security forces, 663 arrested and 556 surrendered this year since January in the conflict-ridden Bastar zone.

MAOIST PROBLEM

From 2004 to 2014 there were **16,463** Maoists-related incidents and from 2014 till August **7,746** Naxal disturbances—a **53%** drop

6,617 security personnel and civilians died during 2004-2014 and there was a decline by **70%** with 2004 casualties including both

In 2010, **96** districts in the country reported Maoist violence. Later **11** more districts were created, but recently only **42** districts report such cases

The year 2010 recorded the highest casualties of security personnel at **1005**, got reduced to **138** in the year 2023

Since 2019 there were **277** new camps of central armed police forces (CAPF) to fill the security vacuum

2014-2024 period saw decline in Maoist violence and **14** top Maoist leaders were eliminated

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NIA conducts raids in Bastar over last year's attack on Army

MUKESH RANJAN @New Delhi

THE anti-terror federal probe agency NIA has conducted raids across the Amabeda area of North Bastar district in the Kaker region of Chhattisgarh as part of its investigation in a case linked to the brutal killing of Indian Army personnel by extremists of the banned CPI (Maoist) last year, officials said on Sunday.

The officials said that the investigative teams extensively searched several locations belonging to 11 suspects during the crackdown in villages Useli, Gumjhir, Badetevda, Umarkumta, and Amabeda.

Following the searches, air guns, mobile phones, printers, laptops, hard discs, DVRs, motorcycles, incriminating naxal documents, which are being examined, and ₹66,500 in cash have been seized, they said.

The case relates to the fatal attack on Motiram Achala, who was on leave from his posting in Assam in the Indian Army when he was shot dead by a group of unknown cadres of CPI (Maoist) near Murga Bazar village Useli, PS Amabeda, in February 2023, the officials said.

Achala was at a local fair along with his elder brother Birajhu Ram Achala and his friends when he was attacked. After the murder, the assailants fled towards the nearby jungle, shouting slogans of "Lal Salam Jindabad".

"During the NIA investigation, names of CPI (Maoist) supporters suspected to have been involved in the heinous crime came to light, leading to today's searches," the statement read.

Achala, who joined as Haviladar in 2013, was the first one from the village to join the Indian Army. He used to encourage local residents to join the defence forces.

During the NIA investigation, names of CPI (Maoist) supporters/OGWs suspected to have been involved in the heinous crime came tolight, which led the NIA investigators to launch searches on the premises of the suspects.

The NIA, which took over the case from the local police in March this year, is continuing with its investigation and has intensified its efforts to dismantle the Maoist ecosystem in the region, the officials said.

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NGO disputes CM's statement on NRC

Assam Public Works (APW), an NGO and one of the main petitioners for the updation of National Register of Citizens (NRC), disputed Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma's statement that the BJP government requested the Supreme Court to allow it to carry out the re-verification of documents covering 20% of people living along the Bangladesh border. "It's been five years but the BJP governments in the state and at the Centre have not submitted any affidavit in the SC seeking the re-verification of NRC documents. This government will not do any NRC-related work," APW chief Abhijit Sarma said.

BJP in Assam has 50 lakh members

The BJP now has 50 lakh members in Assam, the party said. BJP national general secretary BL Santhosh said the party achieved the milestone in the ongoing membership drive. "Assam has become the fourth state after Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat to achieve this milestone," Santhosh said, applauding the state leaders. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said the BJP's total membership in Assam in 2019 was around 19 lakh. "This growth is massive. Moving forward, our goal is to secure 40,000 members per Assembly constituency," he said.

Frisking of school bags made mandatory

The Kamrup (Metro) district administration issued an order asking schools, both state-run and private, in the district to frisk the bags and pockets of students before the commencement of classes and if any arms, weapons, sharp objects or any toxic products like liquid, gutka, tobacco, cigarette etc or any other objectionable items are found, they should be seized and the parents informed. The schools were asked to treat the matter seriously. The order was issued in the light of a recent incident at the Padum Pukhuri School in the Darrang district in which a Class 9 student lost his life in school after he was assaulted by a schoolmate.

ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS

BJP changes tactics before Rahul's Haryana roadshows

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

IN a tactical move, the ruling BJP eyeing a third consecutive term in Haryana in the assembly elections due October 5 appears to be experimenting with making this election more localised.

On the other hand, the opposition Congress is planning a series of road shows by leader of the opposition Rahul Gandhi in the coming days.

BJP leaders are focusing on the track record of their government. They charge the previous Congress governments with favoritism and corruption (kharchi & parchi) in government jobs.

"Under Khattar or Saini dispensation, the stress has been on good governance and transparency factor," said a BJP leader who was attending a rally of Home Minister Amit Shah in Karnal on Sunday.

He also highlighted various government sops to various sections of society. "We are committed to procuring all 24 crops on minimum support price (MSP).

Leader of Opposition and former CM Bhupinder Singh Hooda has told the people, especially in rural areas, that the BJP failed to deliver on its commitments since 2014.

He charged the BJP with copy-pasting the Congress manifesto. "Their manifesto is a bundle of lies," said a Hooda supporter.

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Don't forget gains of 'double engine' govt, PM tells Pune

Pune metro project Phase-I

Swargate-Katraj Extension of Pune Metro is part of Phase-1 to be developed at the cost of around ₹2,955 crore. This southern extension of around 5.46 km is completely underground with three stations — Market Yard, Padmavati and Katraj. The cost of the underground section between District Court to Swargate is around ₹1,810 crore. The PM praised the work of ahayuti government.

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @Mumbai

AHEAD of the Maharashtra Assembly polls due soon, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday virtually laid the foundation stone of Pune metro projects connecting Swargate to Katraj (worth ₹11,200 crore) and inaugurated the Pune Metro section of District Court to Swargate which will also mark the completion of Pune Metro Rail Project (Phase-1).

The cost of the underground section between District Court to Swargate is around ₹1,810 crore. The Prime Minister said the "double engine government" under the leadership of chief minister Eknath Shinde has been focusing on infrastructure development and connectivity in major cities of the state.

"The Pune Metro concept came in 2008, but our government started the work in 2016. The earlier governments did nothing to connect the important places by the Metro network and road, but our government is focusing on development," the PM said.

The PM praised the development work of the ruling Mahayuti government. "Pune city has been growing. It is the duty of the government to provide infrastructure development and state-of-the-art facilities," Modi said.

PM Narendra Modi said that Pune has witnessed a historical revolution and development in past. Savitribai Phule was the first person who started a school for girls' education.

The Prime Minister also dedicated to the nation Bidkin Industrial Area, a transformative project covering 7,855 acres under the National Industrial Corridor Development Programme.

MANIPUR

Two abducted Meitei youths call CM for help

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @Guwahati

TWO Meitei youths, abducted by the Kuki militants, appealed to Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh to save their lives. The appeal was made through a video that surfaced on social media early Sunday morning.

One of the abductees made a fervent appeal to Singh to save their lives by fulfilling the demands of their abductors. The demands were not immediately known. Hours after the video surfaced, Singh held a meeting with MLAs from various parties. He said the state government was taking steps to secure the duo's safe release.

Three youths – Ningombam Johnson Singh, Oinam Thoithoi Singh and Thokchom Thoithoiba Singh – were reported missing on Friday after they had left their homes in the Thoubal district on a two-wheeler to take part in an army recruitment rally at New Keithelmanbi.

Day before SC hearing, Jr doctors take out ralles, police chief visits RG Kar

SULAGNA SENGUPTA @Kolkata

JUNIOR medics from various government hospitals and general public participated in torch rallies across Kolkata on Sunday demanding justice for the murdered R G Kar hospital doctor and security at their workplaces, a day before the Supreme Court is set to hear the case of rape-murder of the post-graduate trainee.

Having gone back to work after a month-long agitation, the junior doctors on Saturday expressed their intention to consider resuming total 'cease work' in medical colleges, contingent on the state government's assurances regarding their safety during the upcoming court proceedings.

On Sunday evening, medics from the College of Medicine and Sagore Dutta Hospital organised a torch and candle march, protesting an assault by outsiders following a patient's death on Friday night.

The junior doctors there have gone on strike after the incident, insisting on proper security measures.

Participants, including people from various professions, held candles and torches as they marched from Sagore Dutta Hospital to Dunlop Crossing. The junior doctors carried banners stating 'No security, no work' and 'No safety, no work'.

Meanwhile, Kolkata Police Commissioner Manoj Verma visited R G Kar Medical College and Hospital a day before the apex court is to hear the rape-murder case.

Sources said that Verma took stock of the security system at the hospital, spoke to the police personnel present there, and went to the emergency department.

FLOOD HAVOC

Didi seeks Central help as N Bengal situation worsens

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

WEST Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Sunday described the flood situation in the northern districts as "alarming" and claimed that the state has been deprived of central assistance to deal with the natural calamity. She said her government was dealing with the deluge on a war footing.

"North Bengal is reeling under flood. Districts such as Cooch Behar, Jalpaiguri and Alipurduar have been affected. Due to heavy rain in catchment areas of Kosi river, places in Bihar, and Malda and Dakshin Dinajpur districts of West Bengal will be affected in the near future," she said on her way to Siliguri.

Accusing the central government of not helping the state in fighting the calamities, she said, "It did not take up maintenance work of Farakka barrage and its water-bearing capacity has reduced to a great extent despite our repeated reminders."

Following the meeting when asked whether she would reach out to the Centre again, Banerjee said, "If I write to the PM, one of his ministers will reply. This is not correct. (Maybe) I will then correct that again and send another letter." Banerjee had written twice to PM Narendra Modi after the flood broke out in the state. The CM said alert had been issued for six districts.

'Only in polls'

Mamata Banerjee said that BJP leaders visit West Bengal "only during polls but forget about the state when it matters most". "Only Bengal is being deprived of flood grants", she claimed.

Bihar steps up relief efforts, NDRF teams deployed

Aggravates condition

The discharge of excess water may aggravate the condition of over 16.28 lakh people in 13 districts, sources in the state disaster management department said, as several rivers were in spate.

RAMASHANKAR @Patna

UNION government has stepped up measures to assist the Bihar government combat flood situation after release of excess rainwater from Valmiki Nagar and Birpur barrages in north Bihar following heavy rainfall in neighbouring Nepal. Union minister for home Nityanand Rai on Sunday said that if required, Airforce personnel will be engaged in evacuating people from flood affected areas to safer places in north Bihar. He said even food packets will be airdropped in largely affected villages, if need be.

Talking to media persons after chairing a high-level meeting with senior officials, Rai said that that the central government was keeping a close watch on the flood situation in Bihar. "We are prepared to deal with the situation, which has worsened in some districts," he added.

At least nine teams of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) have been deployed in flood hit districts and more teams kept in reserve, which will be sent on the recommendation of the state government. The NDRF personnel are already on the job, he added.

Additional chief secretary of state disaster management department Pratyaya Amrit chaired a meeting to assess the flood situation. The district magistrates of flood hit districts were asked to set up flood relief camps.

AFTER LEBANON BOMBING, ISRAEL STRIKES YEMEN

Homes are heavily damaged around buildings which were levelled by Israeli strikes that targeted and killed Hassan Nasrallah in the Haret Hreik neighbourhood of Beirut's southern suburbs, on Sunday | AFP

WAR WATCH
ISRAEL-GAZA: DAY 359

TOLL SO FAR
43,443

JERUSALEM

ISRAELI strikes on Yemen killed four persons on Sunday and wounded more than 30, Houthi media reported, after Israel's military said it struck targets in the Iran-backed rebels' territory including Hodeida.

Houthi-controlled *Al-Masirah TV* said a port worker and three engineers were killed with 33 wounded in an "initial toll", adding ambulance and rescue teams were still searching for missing people. The Israeli military said it was striking several Houthi rebel targets in Yemen, including power stations and a seaport. The strikes came a day after the rebels said they targeted Israel's Ben Gurion Airport with a missile.

"In a large-scale air operation today, dozens of Air Force aircraft, including fighter jets, refuelling planes, and reconnaissance aircraft, attacked military-use targets of the Houthi terrorist regime in the Ras Issa and Hodeida areas of Yemen," military spokesman Captain David Avraham said.

"The IDF (military) targeted power stations and a seaport used for oil imports," a military statement said.

The sites targeted on Sunday were used by the Houthis, who seized the Yemeni capital Sanaa in 2014, to "transfer Iranian weaponry to the region and supplies for military needs", the statement said.

"The strike was carried out in response to recent attacks by the Houthi regime against the state of Israel," it added.

The US on Saturday offered clear support for Israel's bombing campaign against Hezbollah in Lebanon, including a strike that killed the group's longtime leader, but also said the time has come for ceasefires there and in Gaza.

President Joe Biden called the killing of Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah "a measure of justice for his many victims, including thousands of Americans, Israelis and Lebanese civilians." In a statement one day after an Israeli air strike on a southern Beirut suburb killed Nasrallah, Biden reiterated US support for "Israel's right to defend itself against Hezbollah, Hamas, the Houthis, and any other Iranian-supported terrorist groups."

Meanwhile Iran on Saturday called for an emergency meeting of the UNSC in protest at the killing of Hassan Nasrallah in an Israeli air strike in Lebanon, according to a letter to the Council sent. In the letter, Iran's UN envoy Amir Saeid Iravani called on the Council to "take immediate and decisive action to stop Israel's ongoing aggression and prevent... from dragging the region into full-scale war." *AFP*

KYIV SENDS 100 DRONES TO HIT RUSSIAN AMMO DEPOT

KYIV

UKRAINE on Sunday claimed to have sent more than 100 drones deep inside Russia to hit a major weapons depot, as Kyiv ups its attacks further inside Russian territory.

"Defence forces struck the Kotluban military depot" in the Volgograd region, hundreds of kilometres from the Ukrainian border, a day after a shipment of Iranian weapons reportedly arrived at the site, the Ukrainian military general staff wrote on Telegram.

"A fire and ammunition detonation were observed on the depot's territory," said the post, adding that the facility was being used for storage and the modernisation of missiles and artillery.

Russia did not confirm the strike but reported that it had destroyed 67 drones overnight over the Volgograd region.

A Ukrainian defence sector source told media that 120 drones flew more than 600 km to target the depot early on Sunday.

"As a result of the hit, ammunition and missile storage sites were damaged, which will lead to a shortage of ammunition for units of Russia's occupation army," the source said.

Western governments have accused Iran of supplying both drones and missiles to Moscow for its war on Ukraine, a charge Tehran has denied.

"Several explosions were recorded in the area of Kotluban, the location of a depot of the defence ministry's main missile and artillery directorate," Russian military blogger Rybar wrote, adding that "serious destruction" had been avoided. Volgograd governor Andrei Bocharov said falling debris from the drones sparked grass fires but no casualties or damage.

A damaged apartment house is seen after Russia attacked Zaporizhzhia with guided bombs overnight on Sunday | AP

Volgograd news sites cited locals as saying the drone attack lasted around two hours and prompted some to flee their homes, and that it was not the first time the area had been targeted by such operations.

Russia's defence ministry on Sunday said its air defences had destroyed and intercepted a total of 125 Ukrainian drones over its territory overnight.

The onslaught was the largest Ukrainian drone attack since President Vladimir Putin last week announced changes to the country's nuclear doctrine to allow a nuclear response to a massive cross-border drone attack.

Russian regional governors reported some damage but no casualties from the attack. Voronezh Governor Aleksandr Gusev said several drones had fallen on the regional capital, causing fires in two residential buildings. Another 18 drones were destroyed over the Rostov region. *AFP*

ASIA MATTERS

TOLL COUNT RAISES AT ILLEGAL MINE

The death toll after a landslide at an illegal mine in western Indonesia was raised to 13 on Sunday, an official said, as search efforts for any further victims ended. Heavy rains caused a landslide at a remote illegal mining site on Thursday evening in West Sumatra province on Sumatra island, where rescue workers had to walk for hours from the nearest village to reach the area. Provincial disaster mitigation agency spokesperson Ilham Wahab said 13 people were found dead, while 12 others were injured, raising the death toll by two. *AFP*

THUNDERSTORMS WARNING GIVEN

Authorities are warning of thunderstorms and high winds in all provinces in the North, the Northeast and the Central Plain along with the southern province of Chumphon until Thursday, *Bangkok Post* reported. The storm comes because of high-pressure systems from China would reach the nation, according to officials.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the general public that my clients, (1) Mr. H S Shamakrishna S/o Late T H Shivaramaiah, (2) Mr. H. S Meghashyam, S/o Mr. H. S. Shamakrishna, (3) Mrs. S. Thiveni W/o Sri H S Shamakrishna all are R/at No.2950, 13th B Main Road, near Attiguppe Govt. School, RPC Layout Vijayanagar Bengaluru-560040, (4) Sri Somanatha S. S/o Late M Srikanta Murthy, (5) Mrs. Nandini W/o Sri Somanatha S, Mrs. Girija M B. W/o Sri Visvanatha Sl No.4 to 6 are R/at No.107, Vijayanagar, 5th C Main Road, RPC Layout Hampinagar Begnaluru-560104, and (7) Mrs. Divya Prakash J w/o Sri Deepak T P residing at No.369, 7th Main Road, MS Ramaiah City, J P Nagar, 7th Phase, Bengaluru-560078 being the absolute owners of the Schedule Property described in the schedule hereunder who had purchased the same through the Sale Deed dated 21.06.2024 executed by Mrs. Leela Murthy W/o Mr. C. Narasimha Murthy intends to mortgage the same in favour of Union Bank of India, Malleshwaram 11th Cross Branch, Bengaluru towards security for the financial assistance availed by them. Any persons claiming an interest in the said property or any part thereof by way of sale, gift, lease, inheritance, exchange, mortgage, charge, lien, trust, possession, easement, attachment or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known to the undersigned at his office below mentioned address within 7 days from the date hereof, failing which they will mortgage the same in favour of Union Bank of India, without any reference to such claim and the same, if any, shall be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing old No.1888, new No.1888/9 situated at 4th main Road, ward No.34 RPC Layout Vijayanagar Bengaluru -560040 formed by the then City Improvement trust Board, Bengaluru Now it is Bengaluru Development Authority now coming under the limits of BBMP having Municipal No.-, PID No.34-39-9 in new Ward No.124 of Hosahalli Range Bengaluru measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South (72+76)/2 feet totally measuring 2960 sq feet and bounded on:
East by: Site No.1887; West by: Site No.1889; North by: Road ; South by: Site No.1873

RAJESHA K., Advocate,
No.6, 1st floor, Opp. Post Office, North Park Road, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru-560020

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby put to notice that my client intends to purchase the Schedule Property from its original owners namely **1) Smt.SEEMA.B.GAJRIA** W/o. Late. Bharat.R.Gajria, Aged about 73 years, **2) Sri.MANISH B. GAJRIA** S/o. Late. Bharath R.Gajiria, Aged about 49 years, both are Residing at E 403 No.294, Shanthiniketan Apartment, 39th cross, 8th block, Jayanagar, Bangalore South-560070, **3) Smt.MADHAVI B. GAJRIA** D/o. Late. Bharat.R.Gajria Aged about 51 years Residing at No. 504, Brindavan Mansion 100 Bull Temple Road, Basavagudi, Bangalore South – 560004, **4) Smt.TANUJA B. GAJRIA** D/o Late. Bharath R.Gajiria, Aged about 43 years, Residing at No.241, Raindrops Apartment Haralur Road, HSR Layout, Bangalore South- 560102, **5) Smt.MEETA.B.GAJRIA** D/o. late. Bharat.R.Gajria Aged about 38 years Residing at No. F 403, No. 294, Shanthiketan Apartment, 8th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore South, Bangalore – 560070.

Any person having any right, title, claim or interest in the Schedule Property must notify the undersigned with documentary proof thereof within **Ten (10) days** of this publication. In case no such notice is received by us within **Ten (10) days** from the date of publication of this notice, it shall be presumed that the title of the aforesaid owners with respect to the Schedule Property is clear, marketable and free from encumbrance/s of any kind whatsoever and no person has any right, title or interest of any nature whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Property or any part thereof. Claims or alleged interest, if any, which are not received within **Ten (10) days** from the date of publication of this notice shall be deemed to have been waived and disregarded for all intents and purposes and shall not be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ITEM No.1

All that piece and parcel of the Agricultural land bearing **Sy.No.274/1** measuring **2 Acres 37 Guntas,** situated at **Gunjur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk (Erstwhile Bangalore South Taluk)**, Bangalore and bounded on:
East by : Varthur Village Boundary and Sy.No.275;
West by : Land baring Sy.No.229 and Sy.No.273;
North by : Varthur Village Boundary;
South by : Land baring Sy.No.273, Sy.No.274/3 and 274/2.

ITEM No.2

All that piece and parcel of the Agricultural land bearing **Sy.No.274/3** measuring **1 Acre 15.08 Guntas,** situated at **Gunjur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk (Erstwhile Bangalore South Taluk)**, Bangalore and bounded on:
East by : Land bearing Sy.No.274/2;
West by : Land baring Sy.No.273;
North by : Land bearing Sy.No.274/1;
South by : Land baring Sy.No.272.

G.V. Sudhakar, Advocate
No. 3, 4, 5 & 8, First Floor, Abhayashrama Complex, 4th Cross, Wilson Garden, Bangalore-560 027
Ph : 080-42194390, 9886359644

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client **Mrs. Ashima Godha** W/o. **Ankush Patni** presently residing at **Vila E26 B, Brigade Atmosphere, Vijaypura Road, Devanahalli, Bangalore Rural 562110,** hereby inform the general public that the special power of attorney dated 13.03.2023 executed by our client in favour of one **Mr. Dhanaraj Babu S/o Ganesh P, residing at 41/1, 5th Main, 6th Cross, Raghavendra Colony, Bengaluru 560018,** in respect of Flat bearing **No. C-1101 on Elevanth Floor** in the project known as ELV Kingsland developed by ELV Projects Pvt Ltd has been terminated/ cancelled/revoked and made void as per the legal notice dated 05.12.2023. Nothing herein shall effect any action taken by our client prior to after the notice of revocation of special power of attorney. The notice of this revocation of Special Power of attorney dated 13.03.2023 shall be binding on every person or entity has been given for the said purpose. Our client shall not be responsible for any acts done on the basis of the said special power of attorney dated 13.03.2023 and is not binding on our client. The general public are cautioned not to do any transactions on the basis of the said special power attorney dated 13.03.2023 and any acts are done our client is not liable and it is at on your own sole risk and consequences.

For **B.M. Associates**
(Advocates and Consultants)
Place : Bengaluru Date : 28.09.2024

IN THE COURT OF THE XIX ADDL CITY CIVIL AND SESSION JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH18)
P & SC. No. 526/2024

BETWEEN: 1.**Sri Raghavendra T.V,** S/o Venkateshappa, Aged about 51years, **2. Shanthamma G.M,** W/o Raghavendra T.V, Aged about 46years, All are, residing at: #512 Manjamma Building 3rd Cross, Ballandur, Bengaluru 560103. ... **PETITIONERS**
AND: NIL ...RESPONDENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the above named petitioners have filed the petition under section 372of the Indian Succession Act 1925, for grant of Succession certificate in favor of petitioners in respect of schedule. The schedule property was held by Sri Shashikumar.T.R. The son of the petitioner no. 1&2, he expired on 24/02/2022 interested parties are hereby to appear in this court, in person or by pleader duly instructed on the **29-10-2024** at 11:00 AM to inform to show cause notice against the petition failing, wherein the appearance, will be heard and declared as Ex-parte.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel Policy bearing No. 140522123750011750 Dated 01.03.2021 for sum Rs 15,00,000/-(Fifteen Lakhs Rupees). lying at the Reliance General Insurance Company Limited Jayanagar Branch Bengaluru

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this 27-09-2024.

By order of the court, Senior Sheristedar, city Civil Court at Bangalore.

S.M LOHITH & NAGARATHNA .G.B,
Advocates
No.122/22, 3rd Floor, Mahesh Market, Udupi Krishna Bhavan, Balepet, Bangalore-560053.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I R.Mahendra varma practicing Advocate and now I issuing public notice on behalf of my client SMT.MEENAKSHI.B.V W/o.Krishnamurthym Aged about 43 years, Residing at No.384/1, 9th Main Road, Attur Layout, Yelahanka New Town Bangalore North taluk, Bangalore-560064 AADHAAR No.3733 0379 3912 has intension to purchase of schedule property mentioned below from owner called Smt.SHANTHA, W/o. Hanumantharayappa, aged about 51 years Residing at Sasuveghatta Road, Taraba nahalli, Chikkabanavara, Bangalore North, Bangalore District, Bangalore-560090 AADHAAR NO.4921 7151 7199 and now client seeking from public that any person having any claims on same schedule property and in any manner should write to the undersigned with documentary proof in support of your claims **within 07 days** of issuances of this notice, failing which my client will proceed on the basis that there are no claims on same schedule property

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.49, Present Khatha No.341, and now under the revenue limits of Hurulichikkanahalli Gramapanchayath and assessment of PID No.1502002027 006000388 and Khatha No.341/49 and situated at Hurulichikkanahalli Village, (Shabarinagar) Hesaraghatta Hobli, Bangalore North taluk and measuring sital area of East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet and totally measuring about 1200 Sft and bounded on :-
East by : House belongs to Akkayamma,
West by : House belongs to Venkateshappa
North by : Vacant site belongs to Hanumantharayappa, **South by** : Road

R. Mahendravarma, Advocate
No.42, R.G.Nagar, M.S.Playa, Bangalore-560097, M:7795488467

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client Smt. Ganga Kodendera Duleep W/o Dr.Kodendera Duleep is the sole and absolute owner of the Property bearing No.3, formed out of Survey No. 11/2, Arekempanahally Layout, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore District, 36th Division, Corporation No.5/6, PID No.62-153-5/6, situated at Dr. M.H. Marigowda Road, Hombegowda Nagar, Bangalore together with the building thereon, has represented that the below mentioned Original documents of title pertaining to the Property have been lost/misplaced and the same are not traceable.

a. Sale Deed dated 28-05-1977, Document No. 407/1977-78, Book 1, registered in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Jayanagar, Bangalore.
b. Sale Deed dated 03-07-1974, Document No. 557/1974-75, Book 1, Volume 255, Pages 104 to 107 registered in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Jayanagar, Bangalore.
c. Order of conversion of land for residential purpose dated 14-06-1973 vide C.M. No. B.Dis.ALN.SR.5916/1973-74 in respect of Sy.No. 11/2 measuring 36 guntas
d. Original Khata Certificate, Khata Extract issued by the jurisdictional Assistant Revenue Officer, Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore.

It is further represented that the above said Original documents of title at present have not been pledged/mortgaged and no lien/charge has been created on the lost original documents of title pertaining to the Property.

Any person/s holding the said Original documents of title pertaining to the aforesaid property are requested to return the same to the undersigned within 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of this notice, as except my client no other person is entitle to hold the custody of the above referred Original documents of title pertaining to the aforesaid property.

Na Choudhary
Na Choudhary Residence, No. 192, 9th Main, 14th B Cross, Kudlu Main Road, AECS Layout, Singasandra, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560068. Mobile : 9845065606
Bangalore Date : 30-09-2024

RAIL WHEEL FACTORY
YELAHANKA, BENGALURU – 560 064.
Website: www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in

TENDER NOTICE No: RWF/S/11/2024-25 Dated: 24.09.2024

On behalf of the President of India, the **Principal Chief Materials Manager** invites Electronic Open Tender from Manufacturers or authorised agents for supply of the item, on the Indian Railways e-portal *www.ireps.gov.in*
Tender No. P2245683
Brief Item Description: Set of Guide Ways/ bed plates of Make: HMT.
Quantity: 1 Set

Closing Date & Time for Tenders: 21.10.2024 at 14.00 Hrs.

Tender details can be viewed on our website **www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in** or **www.ireps.gov.in**. The tender documents and the corrigendum to the Tender if any, will be available on the portal only.

TENDER NOTICE No: RWF/S/146/ 2024-25/08 Dated: 25.09.2024

On behalf of the President of India, The **Principal Chief Materials Manager** invites electronic tender for the following work through the website *http://www.ireps.gov.in* from experienced/reputed contractors in the field.
Tender No. RWFSTPT_SR_0-500Kms
Scope of Work: Transportation of **SCRAP CUT RAILS** from Various locations of Indian Railways to Rail Wheel Factory, Yelahanka, Bengaluru – 560064, by road.
Distance slab 0 to 500 Kms (with a minimum chargeable distance of 200Kms)
Quantity: 22,280 MT (approx).
Estimated Tender Value: Rs.8,47,75,400/-
EMD Amount: Rs.5,73,900/-
Contract Period: Minimum 12 (Twelve) months from the date of issue of Letter of Acceptance.

Closing Date & Time for Tenders: 30.10.2024 at 14.15 Hrs.

Principal Chief Materials Manager

LEGAL NOTICE

1. Sri. K.V.Karunakara Reddy
S/o. K.Venkata Reddy, Aged about 54 years, R/at. No.2, Tejavilla, 3rd Main, 1st Cross, Ashes layout Ejipura, Bengaluru- 560047.
2. Sri. Vetsa Srinivas, S/o. V.Gowri Shankara, Aged about 53 years, R/at. Flat No.7,22nd Cross, Kaggadasapura, C.V. Raman Nagar, Bengaluru- 560093

You are aware that you have entered into a registered sale agreement with my client Sri.H.G.Gurubabu, S/o.late.H.K.Gopala Reddy, Aged about 57 years, R/at. No.36, 99/99, opposite to Government school, Doddanekundi, Bengaluru- 560037 in respect of property bearing No.25/1, Khatha No. 34, situated at Chinnappanahalli village, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, comes under BBMP limits, measuring east to west 49.5 feet and north to south 33 feet in all measuring 1633.5 square feet out of 2178 square feet which is described in the Schedule hereunder agreeing to pay total sale consideration of Rs.46,00,000/- and without paying part sale consideration you have obtained a registered sale agreement document registered before the office of the sub-registrar, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru, vide document No.4160/2015-16.

2.In the registered sale agreement my client had agreed to furnish required documents and other information as required by you and to clear all types of loan, duties and charges if any but no such liability owed by my client and you have agreed to pay the sale consideration at the time of registration of the sale deed free from all kind of encumbrances and to receive the vacant physical possession of the property.

3. My client informs me that even after lapse of more than 8 years you have not come forward to complete the sale transaction inspite of the repeated request and demand by my client expressing his readiness and willingness to perform his part of promise and due to inordinate delay on 2.08.2024 my client got issued the legal notice to both of you through me through RPAD and Courier service and the notice issued to you the 1st in above named came to be returned with the endorsement "no such person" and whereas the notice issued to you the 2nd in above named though the intimation was delivered but you have refused to receive the notice and as such my client opted to issue this legal notice through paper publication.

Hence, you are hereby informed that the registered sale agreement dated 5/12/2015 entered between you and my client stands cancelled/ has become void due to non-performance by you and you are hereby called upon to execute cancellation deed of sale agreement before the concerned sub-registrar **within 15 days** from the date of publication of this notice and in the event of your failure my client shall proceed to take legal steps seeking declaratory relief to cancel the sale agreement at your cost and risk.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the western portion of residential property bearing 25/1,Khatha No. 34, situated at Chinnappanahalli village, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, comes under BBMP limits, measuring east to west 49.5 feet and north to south 33 feet in all measuring 1633.5 square feet out of 2178 square feet, consisting of AC Sheet roofed structure and bounded on:
East by: Remaining portion of the same property bearing No.25/1 belonging to Hema B., **West by:** Property belonging to H.K.G.Srinivasan, **North by:** Road and remaining portion of same No., **South by:** Property belonging to Menon.

M.N.Balakrishna, Advocate
No. 101, Mamatha Apartments, 'B' Block, 4th Main, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru - 560 009.
Bengaluru, Dated 30.09.2024

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD
Office of the Chief Engineer (West)
6th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G.Road, Bengaluru-560009

No:BWSSB/EIC/CE(W)/ACE(W)-1/DCE(M)-2/TA(W)/4948/2024-25 Dt:26.09.2024

INVITATION FOR TENDER
(Only through kpp portal)

BWSSB invites Tenders in Two Stage Tender System from eligible tenderers for the Work of providing, laying various dia DI water supply lines in lieu of existing CI lines in NGEF layout to Nagarabhavi 12th block, behind Nammura Thindi hotel coming under Nagarabhavi s/stn., area of AEE W-2-2.
Amount Put to Tender: Rs.115.88 Lakhs, EMD:1.74 Lakhs
Last date and time for Receipt of tenders is on **15.10.2024 upto 16:00 hrs.** The bids will be opened on **16.10.2024 after 15.00 hrs.** The details regarding the tender and participation in the e-procurement portal process can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** For further details contact the undersigned office during working hours.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer (West)
DIPR/CP/KAVITA/2233/2023-24

IN THE COURT OF THE LXXXVII ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE (COMMERCIAL COURT), AT BANGALORE
Com. OS No. 455/2024 (CCH-88)

BETWEEN: Canara Bank, Represented Senior Manager
Mrs. Alfa Essa Kindo, SME Mahadevapura Branch, Whitefield, Bangalore. ... **PLAINTIFF**
AND: M/s. Sree Jayakrishna Enterprises and another ... **DEFENDANTS**

SUMMONS TO BOTH DEFENDANTS

1. M/s. Sree Jayakrishna Engineers, No.91/2, Subbanna Industrial Area, Mahadevapura, Bangalore, Karnataka- 560048. **2. Sri. Manikandan .K.K,** S/o. Sri. Gopalan Krishnan, aged about 53 years, Residing at: No.30/1, Lakshmi Square Layout, Near Ganesh Temple, Mahadevapura, Bangalore-560048

Whereas the plaintiff has instituted the above suit against both of you for recovery of a loan amount for the sum of Rs. 5,93,515.87/- (Rupees Five Lakh Ninety Three Thousand Five Hundred and Fifteen and Eighty Seven Paise only) as together with interest from the date of suit till the date of realization of the suit claim amount along with cost of the suit. Both of you are hereby summoned to appear in this court in person or pleader **30/10/2024** at **11:00 A.M** to answer the same, failing which the suit will be disposed of against you ex-parte.

Given Under my hand and seal of this court on this 26/09/2024

By Order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, Commercial Court Unit, City Civil Court, Bengaluru

Advocate for Plaintiff: **INDU .N**
#13, Ground Floor, D.N. Chandrappa Layout, Hoodi, K R Puram Road, Hoodi, Bangalore-560048.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I act on behalf of my client **Mr. GAURAV UDUVARE THIMMEGOWDA.** My client Father THIMMEGOWDA.M. R has executed an unregistered WILL dated 05/08/2018 in favor of my CLIENT before his death dated 22/12/2022. Anybody has got any sort of rights, claims, interest over the schedule property or having any sort of objection for the said WILL shall approach the under mentioned ADVOCATE within 15days from this day with documentary evidence, failing which my client shall proceed further in accordance with terms of the WILL considering there is no objection to the said WILL.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ITEM No 1: Site.No.8, Sy.No.39/2 & 38/2B, Katha No.58, MALLASANDRA VILLAGE, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore south Taluk, Bangalore-560068. BOUNDED by East : Road, West : Site no.9, North: Road, South : Site no.17 and 18.
ITEM No 2: Site.No.53, Sy.No.604/1, HAROHALLI VILLAGE, Harrohalli Hobli, Ramnagara Zilla, Kanakpura Taluk. BOUNDED by: East : 25ft Road, West: Site no. 52, North : 20ft Road, South : Site no.17 and 14.
ITEM No.3: Site.No.12, Sy.No.52/2 & 52/4, Panchayat Katha No.212/12, KAGGALIPURA VILLAGE, Pattareddypalya, Bangalore south Taluk, Uttarahalli Hobli. BOUNDED by: East : Road, West : Site no.21, North : Site No.11, South : Site no.13.

SATEESH BABU .A. S, Advocate
No.14 & 15,2Nd Floor, Sathyappa Plaza, K.T. Street,Avenue Road,Bangalore-560053.
Ph:9845848901.

Bharat Coking Coal Limited
A Mini Ratna Company
(A Subsidiary of Coal India Limited)

NOTICE

All the tenders* issued by Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) for procurement of Goods, Works and Services are available on website of BCCL **www.bcclweb.in**, Coal India Limited (CIL) e-procurement portal **https://coalindiatenders.nic.in** and Central Public Procurement Portal **https://eprocure.gov.in.** In addition, procurement is also done through GeM portal **https://gem.gov.in.**
*This is applicable to all Open (Domestic/Global) Tenders issued thorugh e-procurement portal of CIL.

Aptus Value Housing Finance India Ltd
8B, Doshi Towers, 205, Poonamalle High Road, Kilpauk, Chennai-600 010.Telephone: 044-4565 0003

Possession Notice
Appendix IV (Under Rule8 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of **Aptus Value Housing Finance India Ltd** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued **Demand notice dated 18--06--2024 calling upon the borrowers Mary Stella, Stalin, Stephen & Shwetha D/O Rajanikanth to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being for Lap - Construction in Loan Account No: APEEN0119265 of Rs. 8,54,038/-(Rupees Eight Lacs Fifty Four Thousand Thirty Eight Only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **"Symbolic Possession"** of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rule **on this 27th day of September 2024.**

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Aptus Value Housing Finance India Ltd for an amount of Rs.8,68,536 /-(Rupees Eight Lacs Sixty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Six Only) as on 20-09-2024** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:-

All that part and parcel of the property situated at All the piece and parcel of immovable property bearing residence no. 93, of Peenya Plantation Siddartha Nagar , Jalahalli, Ward No. 16, Rajarajeshwari Nagar BBMP, Yashwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk. **Boundaries: North By:** Poperty No. 87, **South By:** Conservancy, **East By:** Property No. 97, **West By:** Property No. 95.

Date: 27-09-2024 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place: Jalahalli Aptus Value Housing Finance India Ltd

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED
CUB TRUST AND EXCELLENCE SINCE 1904
Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. **E-Mail id :** crmd@cityunionbank.in,
Ph : 0435-2432322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746

RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.16,72,31,754/- (Rupees Sixteen Crore Seventy Two Lakh Thirty One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Four only)** as on **04-08-2024** together with further interest to be charged from **05-08-2024** onwards, other expenses and any other dues to the bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) Mr. Mohit Kumar Jain, S/o. Suresh Shah, No.253, M.S.V. Cable Network Road, Amruthahalli, Bangalore - 560093. No.2) Mrs. Jalpa Jain, W/o. Mr. Mohith Kumar Jain, No.253, M.S.V. Cable Network Road, Amruthahalli, Bangalore - 560093. No.3) M/s. Just Love It Apparel LLP, No.31/1, 5th Main, Near Vinayak Temple, Opp. Kavi Travels, Sriramapuram, Bangalore - 560021. No.4) M/s. SFJLI Pvt. Ltd, No.31,5th Main Road, Opp. Kavi Travels, Sriramapuram, Bangalore - 560021. No.5) Mr. Karthick Rao, S/o. H.T. Sadashivarao, No.15, Meenakshi Cottage, Govindappa Lane, 2nd Cross, Ramaswamy Palya, Bangalore - 560033. No.6) Mrs. Prema .S Rao, W/o. Late Sadhashiv Rao, HRBR Layout, 1st Block, Kalyan Nagar, RT Nagar, Bangalore - 560032. No.7) Mr. Ajit Trambakla Shah, S/o. T.T. Shah, No.F 113, 2nd Main Road, Behind Central Chambers, Gandhi Nagar, Bangalore - 560009. No.8) M/s. Soham Fashions, No.31, 5th Main Road, Opp. Kavi Travels, Sriramapuram, Bangalore - 560021. No.9) Mr. Debi Prasad Dhanuka, F/o. Late Udit Dhanuka, (In the capacity of legal heir of late Udit Dhanuka). No.4/16, Palace Road, High Grounds, Opp. Anjaneya Temple, Bangalore- 560052.No.10) Mrs. Sumitra Devi Dhanuka, W/o. Mr. Debi Prasad Dhanuka, (In the capacity of legal heir of late Udit Dhanuka). No.4/16, Palace Road, High Grounds, Opp. Anjaneya Temple, Bangalore - 560052.**

Note : That our **132-Bengaluru-Malleswaram Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR : 501812080081356) dated **30-09-2021** requested by No.8 of you represented by Nos. 1, 2 and 5 of you as Partners for which Nos.1, 2 and 5 of you stood as Co-obligants and Nos. 1 and 2 of you stood as Guarantors for the facility for a total amount of **Rs. 45,00,000/-** at a ROI of **12%.** The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **29-12-2022** and the outstanding balance as on **04-08-2024** is **Rs.60,37,478/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **05-08-2024** till the date of realization.

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank
Schedule - A : (Property Owned by Mr. Mohit Kumar Jain, S/o. Suresh Shah & Mrs. Jalpa Jain, W/o. Mr. Mohith Kumar Jain)

All that piece and parcel of the Commercial land and Building bearing Sy. No.2 (Re-Survey No. 60/1) Southern Portion of Property No.31, PID No.26-33-31/1, Measuring : East - West : 70 Feet, and North-South : 54 Feet, in all 3,780 sq.ft. Situated at Kranti Kavi Sarvagnya Road, Okalipuram, Bangalore, constructed building thereon and bounded by : East by : Road; West by : Road, North by : Property belonging to Ajit T. Shah: and South by : Private Property.

Reserve Price : Rs.5,50,00,000/-
(Rupees Five Crore Fifty Lakh only)

Schedule - C : (Property Owned by Late Udit Dhanuka Now represented by Mr. Debi Prasad Dhanuka & Mrs. Sumitra Devi Dhanuka as his legal heirs)

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Apartment bearing No.GF-2, Municipal No.53, PID No.91-75-53 assigned by the BBMP on the Ground Floor , Measuring about 1,100 sq.ft, Super built-up-Area, in the Apartment known as "LA CITADEL", situated at promenade Road, Ward No.91, Frazer Town, Bangalore, and bounded by : East by : Property bearing Old No.19; West by : Property bearing Old No.17; North by : Promenade Road and; South by : Private Property.

Reserve Price : Rs.80,00,000/-
(Rupees Eighty Lakh only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
18-10-2024	City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Malleswaram Branch, No.58/1,13th Cross, Margosa Road, Malleswaram, Bengaluru Rural, Karnataka - 560003. Telephone No.080-23463636, Cell No.9342519841.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself/ herself. (2) The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru Malleswaram Branch, No.58/1,13th Cross, Margosa Road, Malleswaram, Bengaluru Rural, Karnataka - 560003.** (3) The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum Auction Sale hereby notified. (4) For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No.080-23463636, Cell No.9342519841.** (5) The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. (6) The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. (7) The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. (8) The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. (9) The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. (10) The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. (11) The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 27-09-2024 Authorised Officer

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN - L65110TN1904PLC001287, Telephone No.** 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com

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Festive sale: Know all the top deals, cashbacks & discount offers

During this ongoing festive season sale, ecommerce companies have tied up with various banks to offer discounts, no cost EMIs and cashbacks to shoppers

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

WITH discounts, instant credit, no cost EMIs and cashback offers, ecommerce retailers have made this ongoing festive season sale for shoppers almost impossible to resist.

Ecommerce companies have tied up with many banks to offer discounts to shoppers. Homegrown ecommerce marketplace Flipkart's annual flagship event The Big Billion Days (TBBD) 2024 is on till October 6, and the company has partnered with HDFC bank to offer customers 10% off on debit cards, credit cards and EMI transactions.

Flipkart Axis Bank Credit Card will also offer 5% Unlimited Cashback and customers can avail instant credit and No cost EMIs with Flipkart Pay Later, the ecommerce firm said. It also offers daily cashback for customers using Flipkart UPI.

The Flipkart Group includes Myntra, Flipkart Wholesale, Flipkart Health+, and Cleartrip.

As part of the festive season sale, for air travel, Cleartrip will provide special fares for international destinations starting at ₹5,999 and domestic destinations from ₹999.

Over 33 crore user visits were recorded on the ecommerce platform during early access and day 1 (September 26, 27). It said, the co-branded card witnessed a spike of 20X in overall spends and 8X transactions when compared to the non-sale days. Flipkart Pay Later EMI witnessed a 8.5X spike in the daily transactions run rate compared to the pre-TBBD period. The third party EMI usage grew by 27x in spends and 18X in transactions compared to the daily run rate.

Experts said as ecommece companies offer more deals and discounts, there has been an increase in the number of shoppers.

About 120 million people visited Myntra platform during early access and day 1 of the Big Fashion Festival. It witnessed 15X new users over BAU (Business As Usual) joining the platform, and a 2X spike in OPM (orders per minute) at peak over last year, in the opening hour of the event. "We are also seeing a notable demand coming from both metros and non-metros, with approximately 45% of orders coming from Tier 2 & 3 cities and beyond," Neha Wali, Head of Revenue, Myntra said. SoftBank-backed ecommerce company Meesho, which kicked off its annual Meesho Mega Blockbuster Sale on September 27, said nearly 6.5 crore customers visited the platform on Day 1. Megha Agarwal, General Manager, Business at Meesho, said, the platform achieved a record-breaking feat of doubling its Day 1 orders over last year.

Meesho Mall also grew 2.5X in orders over last year. Meesho has announced several initiatives including customer refunds instantly. On an average, the majority of users now receive their refunds in 5 minutes, it said. Amazon Great Indian Festival 2024 kick-started on September 27.

It said customers can avail 10% discount with SBI Debit and Credit Cards. Up to 50-80% off on Fashion & Beauty across 4.5 lakh styles, and minimum 50% off on Kitchen, Home and Outdoors products, Amazon said.

Jewellery item stocks up

Data analysed by e-commerce enablement SaaS platform Unicommerce reveals that while inventory levels have increased across multiple categories over the last three months, June - August 2024, the build-up of the inventory is significantly higher for many categories. It said brands across footwear, electronic wearables, kitchenware and home furnishings & decor categories have increased their inventories by over 55%, 33%, 30% and 26% respectively during this period.

Jewellery and healthy snack sub-categories have shown the highest increase in inventory. Stocks of jewellery items have grown by over 100%, while stocks of healthy snacks are up over 75%.

Surge in job creation

Apart from various offers, the festive sale is also promising as it creates job opportunities. Sachin Alug, CEO of NLB Services, highlighted that roles such as delivery drivers, customer service representatives, tech support specialists, and freelance designers are expected to experience the highest demand.

Salaries for these positions, currently ranging between ₹12,000 and ₹16,000, are projected to rise by 10-20% over the next 3-4 months, driven by the surge in demand.

While last year saw the addition of approximately 500,000 temporary and gig jobs, this year, he anticipates even greater growth, with over 1 million temporary jobs expected.

"This rise is driven by factors such as booming e-commerce activity, the expansion of the gig economy, and heightened consumer demand during the festival season," he said.

IT'S RAINING DISCOUNTS
Meesho Balance, an in-app wallet offering instant refunds without requiring bank details
UP TO 60% off on PopSockets during Amazon's Great Indian Festival Sale
Amazon festive sale: Customers can avail 10% instant discount with SBI Debit and Credit Cards
Myntra's Big Fashion Festival (BFF): Customers can avail additional 7.5% +5% off using Myntra's co-branded credit card in association with Kotak Mahindra Bank
In addition to assured cashback from PhonePe, through financial banks like ICICI, Kotak and Axis, shoppers can also avail up to 10% off while making their festive purchases
Flipkart has partnered with HDFC bank to offer customers 10% off on debit cards, credit cards and EMI transactions
SELLERS ON AMAZON.IN WILL BENEFIT FROM A DROP IN SELLING FEES RANGING FROM 3% TO 12% ACROSS VARIOUS PRODUCT CATEGORIES

MONEY MATTERS

WHY FINANCIAL BEHAVIOUR DECIDES WEALTH OUTCOME

FINANCIAL KNOWLEDGE

RAJAS KELKAR

(The author is editor-in-chief at www.moneyminute.in)

YOU want to do the right thing when it comes to money. Your hard-earned income deserves better direction and management to generate the wealth effect needed to meet your lifestyle goals. However, your financial well-being has a lot to do with your behaviour. This column has touched upon it regularly. A study published earlier this year in Malaysia suggests that individuals with a firm grasp of personal finance and money management are more inclined to make prudent financial choices, exercise self-control, and avoid excessive spending.

The operating words are 'prudence', 'self-control' and 'avoiding excessive spending'. New data from the Reserve Bank of India shows that credit card defaults are rising in India. The ease you can spend can have a ripple effect on your wealth outcome. Financial technology or Fintech companies play a role in causing that ripple effect. They simplify spending money you do not have or spend tomorrow's money today. A study of the lower income households in Malaysia last year found that due to the ease of buying digitally, the desire to have a stylish lifestyle and display an image of wealth was a driving factor for them to buy luxury cars, stylish homes or high-end electronic devices. In many instances, people used debt.

Indians are no different. The surge in personal loans and credit card spending indicates people want to spend tomorrow's money today. Personal finance is not just about investing it right. It is also about controlling your senses and holding back on big spending based on impulse. You must have a financial plan for every significant ticket expenditure. Managing finances does not mean sacrificing your aspirations or desires for a better lifestyle. It means making a plan so that you can convert every such dream into a financial goal and achieve it without disrupting your finances.

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

As you exercise self-control in spending, you need to push yourself a bit more while saving and investing. The latest bulletin published by the National Stock Exchange cites a study that provides evidence about individual investors anchoring their subsequent stock market purchases around the value of their initial purchase. When you start investing through systematic investment plans of mutual funds, you cannot just continue with the same quantity of money each month. Your income increases with age, and you must increase your investments. It is a good idea to keep adding to your existing portfolio of mutual funds. In the long run, your investments need to take care of financial needs, considering the impact of inflation.

The issue of 'self-control' matters while investing, too. Your emotions can push you to make wrong investment decisions. The temptation to 'get rich quick' drives many towards high-risk securities. The current euphoria in the Indian equities shows that more money flows into small and mid-cap companies than large-cap companies.

That is a risky strategy for someone entering the market today at the rally's peak. At the same time, the dramatic surge in the number of traders in the futures and options category is an eye-opener. An updated study by the Securities and Exchange Board of India recently highlighted that barely one out of ten traders are making money.

The government intervention is a reaction to most of these behavioural patterns. There are several studies world over that show that financial behaviour is a result of your ability to learn. Financial literacy programmes barely make people aware of products and theoretically talk about pitfalls. Despite the high voltage campaigns, the average holding period of mutual fund systematic investment plans is less than five years. The government needs to think through a structural change to bring about a behavioural change. Equities, as an asset class, need your money to stay invested for long enough to give you the benefit of compounding returns.

The government should make investing in index funds free of capital gains tax after ten years. If you hold on your index funds long enough, you can take all that money home. That would encourage financial services companies to create products that encourage individuals to invest for the long term. It would also change the way you think about investments.

MONEY-WISE

EQUITY SAVINGS FUNDS UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

FINANCIAL ADVICE

ASHOK KUMAR

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(Views expressed here are personal)

IN the previous column, we had commenced a discussion on Equity Savings Funds. Let us now turn the spotlight on a few randomly selected funds in this category and how they have performed over time frames of 1, 3 and 5 years.

These funds include Franklin India Equity Savings Fund, DSP Equity Savings Fund, Mirae Asset Equity Savings Fund, Kotak Equity Savings Fund and ABSL Equity Savings Fund.

Franklin India Equity Savings Fund has an AUM of ₹671 crore. The current Asset allocation mix is nearly 16% in Equity, 50% in Arbitrage, 27% in Debt, 4% in Margins & 1% in Cash & Cash Equivalent. Its top holdings are in the Banks, Petroleum Products and IT-Software sectors. The performance of this fund over a 1-year, 3-years and 5-years time period is 12.41%, 7.69% and 9.03% respectively.

DSP Equity Savings Fund has an AUM of ₹1,735 crore. The current Asset allocation mix is nearly 32% in Equity, 39% in Arbitrage, 27% in Debt and 2% in Cash & Cash Equivalent. Its top holdings are in the Banks, Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology and Automobiles sectors. The performance of this fund over a 1-year, 3-years and 5-years time period is 18.55%, 9.13% and 10.52% respectively.

Mirae Asset Equity Savings Fund has an AUM of ₹1,279 crore. The current Asset allocation mix is nearly 36% in Equity, 32% in Arbitrage, 22% in Debt and 10% in Cash & Cash Equivalent. Its top holdings are in the Banks, IT-Software and Pharma & Biotech sectors.

The performance of this fund over a 1-year, 3-years and 5-years time period is 18.95%, 10.35% and 12.78% respectively.

Kotak Equity Savings Fund has an AUM of ₹7,115 crore. The current Asset allocation mix is nearly 32% in Equity, 34% in Arbitrage, 31% in Debt and 3% in Cash & Cash Equivalent. Its top holdings are in the Banks, Telecom Services and Finance sectors. The performance of this fund over a 1-year, 3-years and 5-years time period is 20.95%, 12.66% and 12.11% respectively.

ABSL Equity Savings Fund has an AUM of ₹602 crore. The current Asset allocation mix is nearly 17% in Equity, 49% in Arbitrage, 28% in Debt and 6% in Reits, Invits & Hybrid Instruments. Its top holdings are in the Banks, Transport Infrastructure and Finance sectors. The performance of this fund over a 1-year, 3-years and 5-years time period is 11.60%, 5.86% and 9.02% respectively.

Equity Savings Funds provide a balanced strategy for investors aiming for moderate equity exposure while benefiting from the stability of debt and cash. This flexibility allows for a blend of growth potential and risk management.

While some funds have shown strong historical returns, it's essential to note that past performance is not indicative of future results. Furthermore, choosing the right fund to match an investor's risk tolerance and financial goals merits seeking professional guidance.

Reliance Infra wins ₹780 crore arbitration case

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ANIL Ambani's Reliance Infrastrcture said in an exchange filing that the Calcutta High Court has upheld a ₹780 crore arbitration award in favour of the company in a dispute with West Bengal-based Damodar Valley Corporation. The company had won a contract to set up a 1,200 MW thermal power plant in Purulia in West Bengal for ₹3,750 crore.

The project was delayed due to disputes and other reasons, leading to DVC seeking damages from Reliance Infrastructure.

"This is to inform that on September 27, 2024, the Division Bench of Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta delivered its judgment in a petition filed by Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) challenging the arbitration award under Section 34, dated September 29, 2023, amounting to approximately ₹780 crore, including accrued interest in favour of the company concerning the Raghunathpur Thermal Power Project," the firm said.

Nifty 50 likely to trade in the range of 25,900 to 26,500 this week: Experts

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

SUPPORTED by the growing optimism about reducing borrowing costs after the US Federal Reserve cut key benchmark rate by 50 bps in the week ending September 20, local benchmark indices, Nifty 50 and Sensex continued their upward momentum for the third consecutive week, reaching fresh all-time highs.

The Nifty 50 and Sensex climbed to all-time highs of 26,277.35 and 85,978.25 respectively, before closing the week at 26,178.95 and 85,571.85, a weekly gain of about 1% each. Market experts believe the optimism to continue where Nifty50 will face resistance at 26,500 on the upside and 25,900 on the downside. Fundamentally, the market will be guided by global cues and macroeconomic data. "Nifty 50 has delivered a strong weekly closing for the third consecutive week, now trading above 26,000. Market sentiment remains positive, with immediate resistance at 26,500, and a breakout above this level could propel the index towards 26,650. On the downside, key support is at 25,900, with a breach potentially triggering selling pressure towards 25,600. Given the prevailing positive sentiment, we recommend a "buy on dip" strategy for traders looking to capitalize on any short-term corrections," said Vishnu Kant Upadhyay, AVP, Research and Advisory at Master Capital Services.

Santosh Meena, Head of Research, Swastika Investmart, said a key highlight from last week was China's economic activity, where the People's Bank of China (PBOC) announced interest rate cuts and a reduction in the reserve requirement ratio, along with fiscal stimulus measures. This sparked a significant rally in both the Chinese and Hong Kong markets, which in turn led to a surge in commodity prices.

Sebi may discuss charges against Buch

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

THE first board meeting after the chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch came under fire, first from Hindenburg Research and then a flurry of charges from the Congress Party since August 10, is slated for Monday.

The board is likely to discuss the volley of charges about non-disclosures and conflicts of interest against her apart from taking a slew of policy decisions including on a dozen consultation papers that are past their deadlines for public consultation and are now ready to be taken to the board for final decisions.

In a very unusual move for the Sebi, a formal agenda has not been finalised for the crucial board meeting, according to sources. If the charges against Buch are taken up, she will have to recuse herself from the meeting.

The New York-based short-seller Hindenburg had on August 10 levelled a slew of allegations against Madhabi Buch and her husband Dhaval mostly around non-disclosures of the income from her private advisory businesses to the government and Sebi and conflicts of interest arising from Dhaval's cushy jobs after her appointment to Sebi. Later, the Congress party leveled a series of charges based on her income tax filing and other official documents.

The Buchs have personally denied all charges. The government has not addressed the issues officially yet and the only government response so far has been letting the public accounts committee of the Parliament to call her for a performance review. A Sebi source said, "the Madhabi issue has been in deliberations since the past week or so and the board cannot discuss it.

The nature of the allegations makes it clear that the board cannot ignore them."

The board is likely to discuss as many as 11 consultation papers floated by it and have passed their deadlines for public consultations and are now ready to be taken to the board for final decisions.

Some of the key topics that are likely to the board include the proposed measures to curb the retail play in the F&O segment—something market is nervously awaiting; the regulations for 'mutual fund lite' for passively managed funds, introduction of a new asset class between PMS and MFs, extension of the definition of 'connected persons' under insider trading norms to include certain relatives, among others.

Once rolled out, the derivatives framework is expected to have a significant impact on the market, putting an end to the gambling-like trading behaviour that had taken off with daily expiries of index-derivative contracts.

The other likely big-ticket announcements include on derivatives, foreign investors, crucial decisions relevant to market players and intermediaries.

Another key reform will be the launch of the performance validation agency. It has been more than a year since a consultation paper on setting up such an agency that will authenticate the performance claims of various intermediaries including research analysts and regulated algo providers was floated.

Additional disclosure norms

Key reform will be the launch of the performance validation agency. Other topics that may get the greenlight include making it easier for foreign investors to comply with the additional disclosure norms issued in the August 2023 circular.

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Improve fitness or face contract termination: PCB

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has issued a stern warning to 6-7 centrally contracted players, urging them to improve their fitness or risk losing their contracts. The Pakistan team fitness trainer and physiotherapist will conduct another round of fitness tests on Monday in Lahore after some players didn't meet the required benchmarks in the tests held earlier this month.

No outside food, move in group: Security protocol for visitors

FIROZ MIRZA @Kanpur

THEY might have lost the first Test in Chennai but Bangladesh seemingly had a good time in the city. They visited a mall and roamed around freely during their more than a week stay in the city. But a threat by Hindu Mahasabha, a right wing outfit, in protest of alleged violence against Hindus in Bangladesh, meant the movement of the visiting team has been restricted to a great extent in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh.

Rain made it worse for them as they were confined to their hotel rooms throughout Saturday because play was called off due to inclement weather. Sunday was no different as the team reached the venue but was ferried back to their hotel as wet outfield led to cancellation of the third day of play as well.

Given the sensitivity of the situation, Bangladesh team members have not only been advised to move in groups but they have also not been asked to order anything including outside food. A heavy posse of police has also been stationed at the hotel they are staying in.

"We have been asked not to go outside and move in groups. The security protocols have been put in place as a threat has been given by some organisation in protest of alleged violence against Hindus in our country," one of the team members revealed to this daily.

> **Players and support staff usually go around in groups. But other accompanying members have to move separately. Whenever any of them go out, he is accompanied by a security official. We have also been told not to interact with outsiders, be it in the hotel or the stadium** — Bangladesh team member

Speaking of the Chennai match, he said no restrictions were imposed on them for the first Test. "We visited a mall and one of our team members also went to a nearby city for personal reasons. We had food in the mall and did some shopping as well. However, it's not the same here in Kanpur," he added.

It is learnt that the visitors have been briefed about the situation and have been asked to follow the security protocols. "Players and support staff usually go around in groups. But other accompanying members have to move separately. Whenever any of them go out, he is accompanied by a security official. We have also been told not to interact with outsiders, be it in the hotel or the stadium," added the team member.

Kanpur police said these safety protocols for both the teams have been approved by the BCCI. "Players can move freely in the hotel lobby, but they aren't allowed to go outside, except on the match day," said Harishchandra, additional police commissioner (law and order). "In case any player wants to go out then a request has to come from team managers or security liaison officers following police making arrangements for their visit," he added.

Like Kanpur, the Hindu Mahasabha has been protesting against Bangladesh in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh as well where the first of the three T20Is is scheduled on October 6. The organisation has called for a bandh in the city on the day of the match.

"We have to follow similar protocols in Gwalior as we were told protests may take place in the city during our visit. But for the New Delhi and Hyderabad matches, we have not received any such instructions," said the team member.

The national capital will host the second T20I on October 9 while the final game will be held three days later.

Play called off for the second consecutive day on Sunday due to wet outfield leaving thousands of fans frustrated

GREEN PARK'S GRASS LESS GREEN THAN OTHER SIDE

FIROZ MIRZA @Kanpur

EARLIER this month, a one-off Test between Afghanistan and New Zealand was abandoned without a ball being bowled at the Shaheed Vijay Singh Pathik Sports Complex, Greater Noida. The decision came on the fourth day as wet outfield prevented any action on the field. It raised serious questions over the preparedness of the venue.

The Greater Noida Authority, which comes under the Uttar Pradesh government, owns the stadium and was supposed to provide all facilities to Afghanistan, the hosts. Ironically another venue in the state, the iconic Green Park Stadium in Kanpur, owned by the sports directorate of the UP government, seems to be going the same way.

Stakes here, however, are high. Unlike the Afghanistan-New Zealand match, the ongoing contest between India and Bangladesh is part of the World Test Championship (WTC) cycle and anything other than a win for the hosts could affect their chances of making it to the final for the third consecutive time.

After the delayed start on the opening day on Friday, the second and third day's play of the second Test was called off without a ball being bowled. While heavy rain on Friday night and intermittent drizzle on Saturday forced match officials to call off the play, Sunday witnessed no such rain and even the sun came out. However, wet outfield saw play being called off at 2PM after three inspections beginning at 10AM. The match officials found certain areas in the outfield like mid-on, mid-off and the bowler's run-up from the media box end damp to start the play.

Around 15000 spectators turned up on Sunday morning and waited patiently for more than six hours for the action to begin but it turned out to be a heartbreak for them. Visibly upset, they blamed authorities concerned for the mess saying the ground should have better facilities to deal with such situations.

Curator Shiv Kumar oversees pitch preparation during the third day of the 2nd Test between India and Bangladesh, in Kanpur on Sunday | PTI

One of the Uttar Pradesh Cricket Association (UPCA) officials, however, said the match officials could have started the game at least in the third session. "They did three inspections but did not tell our ground staff the problems. Had they had any issues with the wet outfield, they should have told that specifically to the staff and the same would have been addressed. The ground was covered completely and the match could have proceeded but it's unfortunate that fans have to head back without witnessing any on field action," a UPCA official said on the condition of anonymity.

After three days, Najmul Hossain Shanto and Co are 107/3 in the first innings of the Test after being invited to bat by India captain Rohit Sharma. There are still two days left but calling off play on two consecutive days has reduced chances of a result drastically.

Only a few days before the match, the Public Works Department (PWD) declared Balcony C of the stadium unsafe. The UPCA later claimed they addressed the concerns raised by the PWD and made the stand operational with a reduction in the seating capacity. There were also concerns on the drainage system as unlike other modern venues, where water is drained out quickly enough to resume the proceedings, Green Park, constructed in 1945, is devoid of such arrangements.

The venue is in the vicinity of the river Ganges and is in the heart of the city surrounded by houses, shops and offices from all the sides. The approach road to the venue is also small leading to traffic congestion on match days. Besides, the facility becomes home to animals like monkeys and dogs on non-match days.

Despite calling a super sopper from Lucknow on Saturday taking their tally to three, a lot was dependent on the sun to dry up the wet areas. But even as it emerged finally on Sunday afternoon, it was too late.

BCCI brings its vision to life

GOMESH S @Bengaluru

AWAY from the chaos and hustle of Bengaluru city, spread across 40 acres of land in the quiet neighbourhood of Bande Kodigehalli, Singahalli, stands the BCCI's long-time dream that has finally come true — a state-of-art National Cricket Academy (NCA). The Board's Centre of Excellence inaugurated on Saturday.

The CoE, which was unveiled to the office bearers and other stakeholders by BCCI president Roger Binny and secretary Jay Shah, is expected to be fully operational from early 2025. The operations of the NCA, which currently functions out of the M Chinnaswamy Stadium, will be moved there in a phased manner. The facility, featuring as many as three grounds, has 86 pitches, an indoor training facility, a sports science and medicine block, gymnasium, pool and dormitories capable of housing 24 men and eight women's players at a time.

The main ground, which has floodlights and broadcasting facilities, has 13 red soil surfaces and can host first-class and A-tour games. Ground B and C features 11 Mandya and nine black soil surfaces and are expected to be used for practice and match simulation purposes. Perhaps, the biggest point of all is the 45 outdoor practice pitches, 20 of them with lights. NCA chief VVS Laxman, while speaking to journalists, said that he has never seen this kind of a facility elsewhere. "I have been to some of the best academies in the world, not only limited to cricket, but other sports also. But I have not seen this kind of a facility," he said.

National Cricket Academy will be fully functional by early next year | ALLEN EGENUSE J

The former India cricketer said the different kinds of pitches and soil that are used will allow players to adapt and prepare for all conditions. "Adaptability is nothing but creating situations which a player gets to confront during matches. You can create by having a lot of match simulation or playing a lot of matches. You create different scenarios where the player is put into that position or that situation which he is going to confront. As far as the pitches are concerned... I think with the three different soils, you can make different kind of pitches for them. I think the pitches here will allow them to improve their adaptability. And the three beautiful grounds will allow them to face any situation with a lot of confidence," Laxman said.

One of the key aspects of the NCA has been the development of the age-group cricketers across men and women. The men won the 2022 U19 World Cup while the women won the inaugural edition last year. For both the events, they have planned through the year, with multiple zonal and skill-based camps and it has helped India maintain their player pool. Laxman believes that the fully-functioning CoE would only add to the existing programmes. "Right from the age-group level, players are selected by national selectors. During the off-season, April-September, we have various programmes. We conduct close to 32 camps during this period but it happens in different parts of the country. With the KSCA, we get the Alur ground for some of these camps. Whereas, with the three grounds here, I think we can have a lot more programmes," he said.

For years, the BCCI had wanted to create such a facility and the dream has finally come true. Minutes away from the Bengaluru airport, the CoE has everything one could ask for where players go not just for rehab, but also to upskill and prepare for upcoming challenges.

BCCI AGM

Duleep Trophy likely to go back to zonal format

GOMESH S @Bengaluru

THE 2024-25 domestic season's curtain raiser, Duleep Trophy, which was played in a four-team format, is likely to go back to the original zonal format in the next season.

The marquee red-ball tournament, which is historically played between five zones, was changed to a four-team format — India A, B, C and D — this year with the squads selected by the national selectors. However, after having received feedback from the state associations and other stakeholders, it was discussed at the BCCI Annual General Meeting on Sunday here in Bengaluru and chances are that the tournament may go back to the original format in the next season.

The change in the Duleep Trophy format happened earlier this year following the recommendation from the four-member group — the-then head coach of India men's team Rahul Dravid, NCA chief VVS Laxman, men's chief selector Ajit Agarkar and former India pacer Abey Kuruvilla, BCCI general manager (domestic cricket). The recommendation was then submitted to BCCI secretary Jay Shah before implementation.

The tournament was played in Bengaluru (one match) and Anantapur, Andhra with India A, led by Mayank Agarwal, winning the title recently. While the tournament could go back to zonal format next year, what will be interesting to see is if the national selectors continue to pick the teams as they did this year or the respective state and zonal committees do as was the practice in the past.

As reported on Saturday, Arun Dhumal and member Avishek Dalmiya were re-elected to the IPL governing council. Besides, V Chamundeswaranath, nominated by the Indian Cricketers Association (ICA) as a player representative, was inducted to the Governing Council.

Meg-isterial: A World Cup without its OG superstar

KALYANI MANGALE @Chennai

IT'S that time of the year for cricket. Since 2022, the game has seen one women's ICC tournament every year and one look at the upcoming calendar would tell you that it will continue till 2026. The 2024 T20 World Cup is just days away. It's that time when the squads get analysed. The predictions about who could potentially lift the trophy catch fire. With the increasing popularity of the game, these conversations have progressively skyrocketed. However, something is missing from the conversations this year and it's just one person. Meg Lanning.

In November 2023, Lanning announced her international retirement. Standing in front of Melbourne Cricket Ground, the colosseum that witnessed her greatest triumph, one of the most successful captains bid adieu to the game she dominated.

Now, in the heat of Dubai, where the WC is scheduled to be held due to political unrest in Bangladesh, for the first time since 2018, someone other than Lanning will lift the trophy.

Lanning led the side that was expected to win every single time for close to a decade. In that time, Australia won five trophies. One can argue that the side Lanning led was full of superstars. How hard can it be to lead that team? With this much relentless record came the responsibility to keep winning and even a single loss would get scrutiny. That is why for many, amongst many reasons, her not being around anymore has opened up this tournament.

So before we move on to the first global tournament in a while without her, Lanning deserves to be given her due. "If I have seen further it is by standing on the shoulders of Giants," Sir Isaac Newton had said. It is time to acknowledge the giant of women's cricket. And Lanning was undoubtedly one of those.

EXPRESS READ

Shooter docked two points in jr world meet

NEW DELHI: India lost a potential gold at the ISSF Junior Shooting World Championship in Lima after a pistol marksman was docked two points for "reporting late" at the preparation arena before the 10m final. The ISSF penalised Umesh Choudhary, a 20-year-old marksman, "two (2) point/hit penalty will be deducted from the score of the first match shot/series if the athlete does not report on time". There was some confusion in reaching the venue. "Coach Priya Jadhav and the concerned shooter reached the finals hall when she realised that the second shooter Pradhyuman had fallen behind. She made Umesh sit in the finals hall and went to look for Pradhyuman who had by then used another route to reach the reporting area, which was a little distance away.

EURO FOOTBALL

Tottenham embarrass 10-man Man United

AFP @Manchester

TOTTENHAM piled more pressure on Erik ten Hag's position as Manchester United manager with a dominant 3-0 win at Old Trafford on Sunday.

Spurs made a flying start when Brennan Johnson tapped in from Micky Van de Ven's storming run after three minutes.

Tottenham should have added to their lead long before United were reduced to 10 men when captain Fernandes was shown a straight red card on 42 minutes.

Dejan Kulusevski finally doubled the visitors advantage two minutes into the second half before Dominic Solanke rounded off the scoring.

Ten Hag began the season under scrutiny after surviving an internal review at the end of last season.

Bruno Fernandes (c) tries to make his case with referee after he was sent off | AFP

A shock FA Cup final victory over Manchester City was widely credited with saving the former Ajax coach's job after finishing eighth in the Premier League last season.

A third defeat in United's first six league games of the new campaign leaves the Red Devils down in 11th and time surely running out for their beleaguered boss.

United face daunting trips to Porto in the Europa League and Aston Villa on league duty next weekend before a two-week international break that clubs often use to implement managerial change.

Osasuna spoil Barca party

BARCELONA: Osasuna shattered La Liga leaders Barcelona's perfect start to the season with an emphatic 4-2 victory on Saturday. The Catalans won all seven of their opening fixtures but Hansi Flick's rotated side came badly undone in Pamplona as Ante Budimir scored a brace either side of Bryan Zaragoza's strike.

Torino fail to go top

ROME: Roma's troubles are far from over despite new coach Ivan Juric making it two wins in two matches. Homegrown midfielder Niccol Pisilli netted his first Serie A goal to help Roma fight back.

Kerala Blasters (white) draw against NE United in Guwahati on Sunday | FSDL

Kerala Blasters draw NEUFC

AGENCIES @Guwahati

KERALA Blasters shared points with NorthEast United FC following a gripping 1-1 draw in their Indian Super League match here on Sunday.

Alaeddine Ajaraei's goal from a freekick was equalised by Noah Sadaoui's stunning strike as the Kerala Blasters FC salvaged a crucial point on the road. Right from kickoff, it was a very high-intensity match with end-to-end football from both sides. However, the visitors made the more impressive moves with the likes of Noah, Jesus Jimenez and Danish Farooq combining in attack. Despite pressing, Kerala could not score. NorthEast United made them pay when Ajaraei scored in the 58th minute.

UPCOMING EXAMINATIONS

SSC MTS EXAM
Date: September 30 to November 14, 2024

AP TET 2024
Date: October 3 to 20, 2024

IBPS RRB CLERKS MAINS EXAM
Date: October 6, 2024

TIME TO INTROSPECT

If doubts are making your UPSC journey tumultuous, grab a notebook and a pen and answer these questions

- What is the best part about UPSC? List 5 reasons
- How will it change your life? List 10 reasons
- How driven are you on a scale of 1 to 10?
- Will the driving force be the same in 2-3 years?
- List 6 reasons as to what defines you/your identity
- Can you bring a change within the system? How motivated are you?
- What is your plan for cracking the exam?
- What are the steps that you should take to succeed?
- Do you think the plan would work for you in the long run?
- How much time do you think you need?
- What steps have you already taken to reach your goal?
- Have you set a limit for yourself?
- If not UPSC, then what are the other plans?
- List your plans in order of their priority
- Are you okay with the thought of not being able to crack UPSC?
- Will you be able to adapt to a corporate life easily?
- State 5 ways in which you think you can gain people's respect
- Is UPSC the only way?
- If unsuccessful, what would be your Plan B?
- How do you want to live your life? Think of drawing a flowchart

UPSC IN 2024
A YEAR OF CONTROVERSY

From fraudulent candidates to partisan decisions, the UPSC has been a victim of backlash due to several controversies this year

THE Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) is one of India's most respected public institutions, with a reputation for being infallible, honourable and incorruptible. Public Service is considered a highly noble profession; one that demands the brightest minds and strongest characters – reaffirmed by a highly competitive and rigorous selection examination.

As a Constitutional body that selects officers to govern the district, state and national administration of India, the UPSC is highly regarded for its perceived integrity, impartiality, non-partisanship and transparency.

However, due to several controversies and apparent lapses in the UPSC and the Civil Service Exam (CSE) making the headlines this year, there has been a dent in this perception.

LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT SOME OF THESE INCIDENTS:

The fallout of the forged certificates

When it was revealed that one Puja Khedkar, a trainee Indian Administrative Services officer from the 2022 cadre faked a disability and her family's income status to enter the Civil Services, a nasty can of worms opened up.

It all began when Khedkar, who was interestingly posted in her hometown of Pune for her training, started demanding special privileges, such as her own cabin and an armed bodyguard, and occupied the office cabin of Pune Additional Collector Ajay More.

Following complaints, it was revealed that Khedkar appeared for the examination using a fake Other Backward Classes Non-Creamy Layer (OBC-NCL) certificate, as well as a false disability certificate. She also allegedly never turned up for her medical examination at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi, and appeared for the CSE 11 times — two attempts more than the allowed number for OBC candidates (9).

Following these revelations, the UPSC introduced a candidate verification system based on Aadhar to prevent candidates from trying to appear for the exam fraudulently.

The curious case of Manoj Soni

Amidst the Pooja Khedkar controversy, Manoj Soni, who was the Chairperson of the UPSC, submitted his resignation on July 20 this year — five years ahead of his retirement.

While he cited "personal" as the reason in his resignation letter, his exit did not fail to garner controversy — probably as much as his appointment as the UPSC Chairman did.

> *Mercifully, you have not challaned the rainwater for entering into the basement...You could have fined the water also, the way you arrested the SUV driver for driving his car there...*
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> — Delhi HC Bench while hearing case of the death of Civil Services aspirants & arrest of SUV driver

Soni joined the UPSC in 2017 and became its Chairman in May 2023. Several opposition leaders, like Indian National Congress' Gaurav Gogoi and Rahul Gandhi, as well as former Rajya Sabha member Jawhar Sircar, raised eyebrows at his alleged "close ties" to the Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP) and Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS).

In 2002, when Soni was teaching at the Sardar Patel University, he organised a symposium titled *In Search of a Third Space: Godhra Riots and Its Aftermath* — which offered a supportive view of the Modi government.

Soni was appointed the Vice-Chancellor of MS University in Vadodara by Chief Minister Modi in 2005, students and teachers saw this appointment as a political one.

However, all said and done, many members of the UPSC remember Soni as a man of integrity and honesty, media reports state.

Rau's IAS Study Circle flooding – The tragedy that struck Delhi's coaching hubs

On July 27, three UPSC aspirants lost their lives after the basement of Rau's IAS Study Circle, a prominent coaching centre in New Delhi's Old Rajender Nagar (ORN), was flooded due to rains. The basement was allegedly being used as a library, in stark violation of safety norms.

Following this incident, there were protests and outrage from Civil Service aspirants as well as politicians, particularly from the BJP and Congress, who pegged this tragedy on the negligence of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government of Delhi.

The Delhi High Court, on August 5, transferred the case to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), which disclosed that the study circle had been operating without a valid fire safety certificate for nearly a year. It was also revealed that these coaching centres operate in precarious conditions, and are often crowded beyond their capacity due to the demand for IAS coaching.

In addition, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi shut down 13 "illegal" coaching centres in the area, and Drishti IAS in Mukherjee Nagar — another coaching hub.

Eventually, a few coaching centres attempted to move their operations out of these areas and shift to Noida, Uttar Pradesh amidst this row.

look back

Lateral entry halted due to backlash

In August 2024, the UPSC issued a notice to recruit 45 joint secretaries, directors, and deputy secretaries across 24 central ministries through lateral entry, particularly in the fields of "emerging technologies" and "semiconductors & electronics".

This sparked a huge debate, particularly with opposition parties like the Congress, Samajwadi Party and Bahujan Samaj Party, who contended that the move undermined the principles of affirmative action for Scheduled Caste (SC), Scheduled Tribe (ST), and OBC candidates, and could potentially perpetuate existing inequalities. Interestingly, even the BJP's ally Lok Janshakti Party opposed the move.

Following this backlash, Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (MoS) for the DoPT wrote to UPSC Chairperson Preeti Sudan, directing her to roll back the notification.

Doors to the Sangh Pariwaar open up to Civil Servants

The decision to lift the 58-year ban on Civil Servants participating in RSS activities, allegedly taken by the Central Government on July 9 has sparked significant controversy and backlash from opposition parties.

This ban was imposed in 1964 to prevent Civil Servants from engaging in political activities and maintain the neutrality of the government. In an open letter to the government, over 100 retired Civil Servants expressed their disapproval of the move, claiming that it allows civil servants to openly pledge their allegiance to an organisation that "stood against secularism and minority rights", which goes against their constitutional duty.

"Literally millions of RSS members openly campaign for the BJP in every state and national election. How then can the integrity of the electoral process be assured when Chief Election Commissioners, Returning Officers and all others tasked with organising a fair election?", the letter reads, as reported by *The New Indian Express*.

Starting from the outside

Options for careers in public administration apart from the Civil Services

For aspirants wanting to have a career in public administration, but are unable to crack the UPSC, consultancy is a viable, lucrative and fulfilling career option. Jigyasu Agarwal, Founder of Rebounce explains why, in conversation with Karthikeya S

BEING a highly coveted profession — and notoriously hard to get into — the Civil Services are the most sought-after career path for lakhs of young aspirants. To illustrate, in 2024 alone, over 13 lakh aspirants appeared in the Union Public Service Commission Civil Service Exam's Preliminary round, but only about 14,000 qualified for the Main paper.

Of these, only a few thousand candidates make it to the Interview round, and only 600 clear it.

With such low chances of success, several candidates fail to clear the exam in one go and make multiple attempts to do so — dedicating years in preparation for the CSE. However, several candidates do not realise that Civil Services is not the only career option for candidates wanting a career in public administration, public policy, or governance. *EdexLive* speaks to Jigyasu Agarwal, political consultant and Founder of Rebounce, a platform that helps ex-UPSC aspirants land careers in administration and governance, to understand these pathways better.

UPSC aspirants bent towards public administration

According to Agarwal, the biggest advantage ex-UPSC aspirants have in their arsenal is their knowledge of India's administration and polity. "Generally, ex-UPSC aspirants have a better aptitude towards jobs in the development sector over tech or finance, as they have spent a considerable amount of time studying civics and various aspects of India's governance," he explains. Moreover, he says that former UPSC aspirants also have the right frame of mind and motivations for a career in public administration consultancy, as many of them want to join the Civil Service to serve the public. As consultants, candidates get to advise local, state, or national governing bodies, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), politicians, ministries and departments, and Civil Servants to conceive and implement various development projects, he adds.

Multinational Companies

The biggest strategy consultancy firms dubbed the Big 3 (McKinsey, Boston Consulting Group, Bain & Company) often act as consultants to the government and administrative bodies, and look for public administration consultants to execute these projects. They also hire these consultants for their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities.

Think Tanks

Both government-run think tanks like NITI Aayog, Centre for Development Studies, and others, as well as non-government think tanks such as Association for Democratic Reforms, Bharti Institute for Public Policy, the Brookings Institute and others, seek candidates well versed with India's policy and administrative matters.

Political Consultancy

Political consultants and consultancy firms advise political parties on political campaigns and election strategies and conduct polling, public opinion, and market research to arrive at the best possible plans. These include both party-specific consultancy firms like Nation with NAMO or Inclusive Minds, which are aligned with the BJP and Congress respectively, and the Indian Political Action Committee (IPAC), which works with different political parties.

Global Organisations

Ex-UPSC aspirants can also do well in international organisations and bodies like the United Nations or the World Bank, which have Indian chapters and work on various development issues in India.

begin again

Covering for lack of experience

However, most ex-UPSC candidates have spent so many years trying to crack the CSE, that they do not have substantial professional or field experience in public administration.

"The CSE requires full-time preparation, which makes it difficult for aspirants to find work or projects to do parallelly. When they eventually run out of attempts or decide to switch careers, a huge chunk of their 20s is gone, and they cannot find fulfilling work due to their lack of experience," Agarwal says.

Because of this, he says that ex-UPSC aspirants must settle for less fulfilling jobs that do not add to their experience. To combat this, Agarwal who is an ex-UPSC aspirant himself, started Rebounce, which helps ex-UPSC aspirants find a direction to a career in public administration and work as consultants.

"At Rebounce, we aim to provide awareness about various career options and pathways to ex-UPSC aspirants and help them chalk out a clear direction for their careers. We also help them build their profiles so that they can transition seamlessly into public administration consultancy," he explains.

Since October 2023, Agarwal helped around 1,000 former aspirants find careers in the development sector through Rebounce.

Low-risk factor

While consultants do not enjoy the same power or stature that Civil Servants do, they also enjoy more freedom, Agarwal explains.

"As a Civil Servant, most of your life is controlled by the government, and you are under a lot of scrutiny. You would not have this baggage as a consultant," he explains.

Moreover, public administration consultancy also has fewer risks involved for candidates, he adds.

"UPSC is a high-reward, but high-risk career option. Candidates spend a good part of their 20s trying to crack it. It's great if they get in, but they would find themselves in an unsure position if they don't. They have nothing to show for the years they spent preparing for the Civil Service Exam," he elaborates.

Instead, he advises candidates to limit their number of attempts to two or three and explore avenues to public service outside the UPSC.

"This is a calculated risk, which will ensure that you get to spend your 20s realising your true potential and building a career," he says.

Changes over the years

FROM THE TIME INDIA GAINED INDEPENDENCE AND BECAME A REPUBLIC — A SNEAK PEEK INTO THE CHANGE IN THE NUMBER OF ATTEMPTS OVER THE YEARS

First report of the Union Public Service Commission (January 1950 - March 1951)

In July 1948, a special recruitment board was established, with approval from the Federal Public Service Commission, to recruit individuals aged 27 to 45 for the Indian administrative and police services.

Kothari Commission (1976)

The Kothari Commission highlighted the need for reforms in the recruitment and training processes for the Indian Civil Services, which are overseen by the UPSC.

- They recommended the age cap for IAS/IFS/Central Services of 21 years
- For IPS, it was 20 years
- No candidate was permitted after the age of 26 years. There was relaxation for SC and ST candidates.
- The number of attempts was suggested as 'two and not more.'

Revision of attempts in 1979

Three fresh attempts were granted to UPSC candidates irrespective of the number of previous attempts.

- General category candidates between the ages of 21 and 28 were permitted. Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) candidates were given a relaxation of 5 years on the upper age limit (up to 33)
- Three attempts were allowed for general category candidates. No limit on attempts for SC/ST candidates.

Reforms in 1984

The commission's previous report had proposed reducing the upper age limit for the 1986 and subsequent Civil Service exams from 28 to 26 years, with relaxation for reserved categories. However, the committee decided that the age limit would remain at 28 years in the year under review and that the reduction to 26 years would apply starting from the 1987 exams.

Committee on Civil Service Reforms (2004)

The age limit for entering the Civil Services was increased, with general candidates now eligible between 21 and 30 years, and additional concessions for OBC of three years and SC/ST for five years.

Before 2014

The maximum number of attempts for general category candidates was four, with a maximum age limit of 30 years. OBCs were allowed seven attempts, while SC/ST had no limit on the number of attempts.

2014 reforms

- The scheme was revised in 2011 on the recommendations of Prof SK Khanna Committee.
- Civil Service aspirants who had four chances to attempt the exam now will get six attempts. Candidates who are allowed seven attempts will now get nine. No cap on the attempts of SC/ST candidates.
- The minimum age was set to 21 and the maximum age to 32. SC/ST candidates were allowed a five-year relaxation to the upper age limit and OBC candidates, a three-year relaxation to the upper age limit.

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DAY'S DIARY

1st animated series

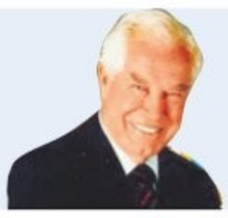
'The Flintstones', an animated prime-time American television sitcom by Hanna-Barbera Productions, was broadcasted from 1960 on ABC

STORYLINE

Its main storyline was about a working class stone-age man's life with his family in the town of Bedrock, where animals powered modern machines

RECORD BREAKER

Until 1997, when 'The Simpsons' surpassed their prehistoric predecessor, it held the record as the longest-running prime time animated series



FROM THE CO-CREATOR

William Hanna, the co-creator of *The Flintstones*, also produced the hit children's TV shows *Tom and Jerry*, *Scooby Doo* and *Yo Yogi*

A curated guide to happenings in the city

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SKINFLUENCED!

J-BEAUTY VS K-BEAUTY

J-Beauty and K-Beauty follow different skincare philosophies. "J-Beauty is all about minimalism. It's like, let's keep it simple and gentle whereas K-Beauty is like, let's go all out and achieve that perfect skin! It's more intense," says Dr Shaker.

While K-Beauty emphasises achieving 'glass skin', which is an ultra-dewy finish through intensive multi-step routines, J-Beauty is more about 'mochi skin'—bouncy, plump, hydrated skin that looks healthy and soft, similar to the Japanese rice cake of the same name.

J-beauty emphasises functionality and long-term commitment while K-beauty leans towards constant innovation.

K-Beauty seems passé with the J-Beauty bug having caught the fancy of millennials in the city who are increasingly trying out the Okinawa diet and minimal skincare routines that the trend advocates

POOJA DAS

WHETHER you're a skincare enthusiast or simply a fan of weekend K-drama marathons, the obsession with achieving flawless Korean 'glass skin' has been hard to miss. The K-Beauty craze, with its pretty sheet masks and elaborate routines, became a go-to for beauty lovers worldwide. But quietly, another trend has been gaining traction – Japanese skincare traditions, or J-Beauty, which emphasise simplicity above all else.

Dr Sharanya Shaker, an aesthetic physician is intrigued by the sudden hype around J-Beauty which she admits took her by surprise. "It's like a quiet storm that's suddenly gained momentum," she adds.

Less is more

Where K-Beauty is known for its multi-step routines, J-Beauty advocates for fewer products with natural ingredients like rice, green tea, and seaweed. "It's not just about using fewer products but using the right ones for your skin type. In cities like Bengaluru, where pollution and environmental stressors are a constant concern, J-Beauty's focus on hydration and protection is particularly relevant," explains Dr Shaker.

However, she cautions against blindly following trends, saying, "People think they can achieve glowing skin by simply adopting new ingredients like sushi oil or green tea masks. It's not just about using edible ingredients on your face! It's about embracing a holistic approach to skincare and being patient to see results."

Anupa Sahu, a beauty content creator, believes J-Beauty's appeal lies in its practicality. "Indians love exploring new beauty routines, but also like simplicity. J-Beauty offers that," she explains. Preeya, creative director of Tvesate, a permanent makeup studio in the city agrees. "I believe in a skincare routine that's consistent but uncomplicated. J-Beauty has only a few steps – double cleansing, toning, hydrating, and sun protection. If you follow this, you don't need to get caught up in ingredients like hyaluronic acids which are seen as must-haves."

Emphasis on roots

Japanese skincare is not the only thing getting attention. Health has also come into focus with documentaries like *Live to 100: Secrets of the Blue Zones*, highlighting the Okinawa diet known for its low-calorie, nutrient-dense foods with ingredients including tubers like sweet potatoes.

Gauravi Vinay, a clinical nutritionist, shares, "Okinawa is part of the 'Blue Zones,' areas where people live the longest lives. The diet, rooted in local ingredients like tubers, mirrors our practices. Yet, in India, tubers are often stigmatised and undervalued. We need to start appreciating them for the nutritional powerhouses they are." She further adds that along with the diet, the active lifestyle followed by Okinawans is also important.

Adapting for Indian consumers

According to experts, there are key differences between Indian and Japanese skincare routines and diets. "One can integrate J-Beauty's 'skin health from within' approach by incorporating omega-rich foods and hydrating foods like watermelon and cucumber into their diet," advises Dr Shaker. But as for trends like drinking Japanese vinegar, she recommends consulting a physician first.

Sahu adds, "Trends come and go. The key is to understand why they work and adapt them in a way that fits our lifestyle and climate." Preeya highlights, "While traditional Japanese ingredients work wonders for their skin, they may not be as effective for Indian skin. Our skin responds better to ingredients like turmeric, rose water or milk, which are aligned with our traditional practices."

For those interested in following the Okinawa diet, Vinay suggests looking for local ingredients. "Instead of imported blueberries and purple sweet potatoes, which lose nutrients during long transport, we can opt for local alternatives like jamun and black rice, which are rich in the same antioxidants," she adds.

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Dr Saranya Shaker, aesthetic physician

VOICE OF THE '90s

Singer **Abhijeet Bhattacharya** performs live, enchanting the audience with his classic Bollywood chartbusters, including timeless melodies like *Chalte Chalte*, *Sun Zara* and more at Phoenix Marketcity, Whitefield Road

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1) Suraksha S 2) Arun Ganesh 3) Lata Siddheshwar

CITY READ

Dating app launches solo traveller's guide

The dating app Tinder has launched a new feature – Solo Traveler's Guide to Tinder Passport – aimed at helping young, solo travellers connect globally. Organised in collaboration with The Hosteller, a self-operated backpacker hostel chain, the feature offers tips for travellers to navigate new destinations while making connections through the app. With travel being the top interest among young users, the guide highlights ways to meet locals, find hidden gems, and stay safe. Tinder's updated Passport mode allows users to form connections before they even land, with key advice from travel content creators adding to the guide's value.

Two Lenses, One Reality

This week, two award-winning films will present deeply personal reflections on memory, loss, and belonging in the Palestinian experience, inviting viewers to grasp the profound human impact of conflict that transcends borders and politics

A still from *Bye Bye Tiberias*

DESE GOWDA

EXILE and displacement often mean leaving entire ways of life behind, with the past rewritten and losses haunting generations. In this painful separation, the drive to remember and reimagine becomes more urgent. On Wednesday, two award-winning films – *Lyd*, and *Bye Bye Tiberias* – explore these themes, reflecting on the futures lost for those forced to leave conflict-ridden Palestine.

These films do not merely depict the ongoing conflict in the Levant, nor do they attempt to untangle the complex politics of borders and identity. Instead, they focus on personal stories – on the emotional landscape of displacement, memory, and belonging. For those unfamiliar with the decades-long conflict, these screenings offer an invitation to understand exile not as a distant, abstract concept, but as a deeply human experience that transcends geography.

Swati Dandekar, a city-based filmmaker and the curator of the event, notes that the selection of these films comes at a time when conversations around the Palestinian experience remain largely unspoken in mainstream India. As Dandekar puts it, "We've been keen to screen something on Palestine because there has been an official silence around the issue. It's important for us to talk about these things."

Organised in collaboration between the Bangalore International Centre and Vikalp Bengaluru, *Lyd* and *Bye Bye Tiberias* approach the theme of displacement differently – one speculative and historical, the other personal and intergenerational. Yet, both films pose the same question: what does it mean to be exiled, and how does one live with it?

In *Lyd*, the city itself becomes the narrator. Filmmakers Sarah Ema Friedland and Rami Younis employ a distinctive narrative style, blending archival footage with speculative fiction to reimagine *Lyd* as it could have been – a city free from occupation.

"It is a speculative documentary, which is a relatively new form of filmmaking that envisions alternative futures, often to reflect the desires or hopes of people whose reality may seem grim or hopeless," shares Dandekar. For many Palestinians, whose connection to their homeland is intertwined with memories of loss, this approach allows for the imagining of a different trajectory, one where history took another course. giving voice to long-silenced possibilities.

Bye Bye Tiberias is a personal documentary tracing the journey of actor Hiam Abbass as she returns to her Palestinian homeland. Directed by her daughter, Lina Soualem, the film explores not just physical exile but the emotional complexity of leaving and returning. Abbass left Palestine involuntarily yet her departure carried the weight of a deeper exile – a separation from her roots, her family, and her past.

"While *Lyd* uses a speculative lens, *Bye Bye Tiberias* offers an intimate, personal narrative about displacement and return," notes Dandekar. Spanning four generations of Palestinian women, the film offers not just a portrait of one family's struggle with identity but a broader reflection on how the past reverberates through the present.

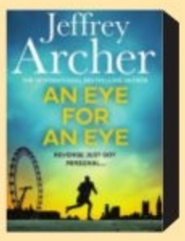
For Dandekar, the power of these films lies not just in their storytelling, but in their ability to spark conversation. After the screenings, the audience will get a chance to engage in discussions led by Dandekar and Marcy Newman, an American Jewish educator and activist with a deep connection to the Palestinian cause.

(The screenings will be held on October 2, 4pm onwards at the Bangalore International Centre, Domlur. Entry is free. For more information, visit bangaloreinternationalcentre.org)

BOOK NOOK

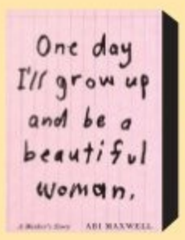
The Third Gilmore Girl
By Kelly Bishop

In this heartfelt memoir, actress Kelly Bishop reflects on her six decades in showbiz, from Broadway to her famous role as Emily in Gilmore Girls. She shares personal stories, lessons learned, and memories from her life, celebrating her journey with wit and warmth.



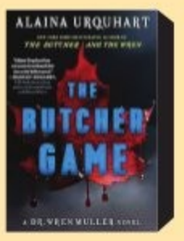
An Eye for an Eye
By Jeffrey Archer

This thrilling story revolves around a billion-dollar deal that goes wrong, leading to murder and chaos. As two seemingly unrelated deaths occur, Scotland Yard must unravel a master criminal's plot for revenge before it's too late.



One Day I'll Grow Up and Be a Beautiful Woman: A Mother's Story
By Abi Maxwell

In this moving memoir, Abi Maxwell tells the story of raising her transgender child in rural New Hampshire. She shares her fears and hopes while navigating the challenges of gender identity and societal pressures.



The Butcher Game: A Dr. Wren Muller Novel
By Alaina Urquhar

Forensic pathologist Dr. Wren Muller finds herself in the crosshairs of a serial killer known as the Bayou Butcher. As he seeks revenge for past escapes, Wren must use her skills to survive his deadly obsession.

BLOOMING FRESH

Actor Srinidhi Shetty at the launch of the city's first gourmet grocery store Freshpik at 1MG Mall | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

QUICKFIX

SPICY CORN CHAAT RECIPE

INGREDIENTS

- **Corn kernels (boiled):** 1 cup
- **Onion, green chilli, and tomato:** 1 each, finely chopped
- **Lemon juice:** 1 tbsp
- **Chaat masala and roasted cumin powder:** 1/2 tsp each
- **Red chilli powder:** 1/4 tsp
- **Salt to taste**
- **Fresh coriander leaves, chopped (for garnish)**

METHOD

- In a bowl, combine the boiled corn kernels, chopped onion, tomato, and green chilli.
- Add the lemon juice, chaat masala, roasted cumin powder, red chilli powder (if using), and salt. Mix well.
- Garnish with fresh coriander leaves. Serve and enjoy your spicy corn chaat!

Contributed by **Sheeja Suresh**, Kasaragod

DR VIVEK ARORA

The expert is a senior veterinarian, Dr Gandhi's Pet Clinic, Delhi

I annually vaccinate my six-year-old dog, a half- stray female. Are there additional check-ups that are necessary to be done as she ages?

As your dog ages, it is important to add a few additional check-ups beyond annual vaccinations. Regular dental exams are crucial to prevent oral disease. Routine blood work helps monitor internal organ function and detect conditions like diabetes or kidney disease early. Consider semi-annual wellness exams to track any age-related issues such as arthritis or vision problems. Regularly checking her weight, mobility, and overall health can also aid in maintaining her quality of life. Early detection and management of health issues can make a significant difference in her well-being as she grows older.

ASK AN XPERT

FITBIT

PARIVRTTA UPAVISTHA KONASANA

(REVOLVED SEATED STRADDLE POSE)

This is a twisting variation of the Seated Straddle Pose. It is a good warm-up pose and beginner's preparation for Parivrtta Dandasana and other advanced twisting poses. This is a great alternative to standing twists, therefore supports the practitioners who have difficulty sitting straight and following the twist in Dandasana. Legs kept wide apart make for a safe and gentle practice for pregnant women and senior citizens.

STEPS

- Start in Dandasana (Staff Pose), legs stretched in front of you. Roll your shoulders back and place your palms on the floor by the side of your hips. Take a few deep breaths here.
- Inhale, widen your legs, around 3 feet apart, without overstretching your inner thighs or hamstrings.
- Exhale. Stretch both legs and sit with your spine erect.
- Inhale, extend your arms at the heart center with your palms facing each other.
- Begin to turn on the right. Engage your core and lift your chest.
- Exhale, turn the torso to the right along with the neck while bending a little forward. Swing your right arm back and left arm touching the right ankle.
- Look at your right arm's fingertips, while it is in the air. The left hand in the front is resting on the right ankle, bringing your shoulder blades together.
- Students can prefer to touch the toe instead of the ankle.
- Stay here for one breath cycle. Look in the center, bringing the arms in front of the chest.
- Inhale, engage the core and stretch the body up, and exhale, twist on the other side (left), placing the right hand on the left ankle and left arm extended back above the shoulders to turn to look back.
- Stay in Parivrtta Upavistha Konasana for one deep breath. Come back to the centre with your arms in front of the chest.
- This is one round of the flow. Follow five rounds with spine erect and twisting the body at the lower spine. Always maintain that little forward bend in the flow to touch the ankles.
- Release the arms and come back to Seated Straddle Pose Variation Sitting Upright.
- Gently bring your legs together back to the center in Dandasana.
- Finally, release and relax in Dandasana Hands Back Knees Bend.

BENEFITS

- Engages quadricep muscles to press the sit bones on the floor.
- Improves the motion of upper body.
- Helps work on the imbalance.
- Reduces blockages and allows for smooth flow of prana.
- Prepares for deeper twists engaging the core and spine muscles.
- Helps relieve complications related to reproductive organs.
- Stretches shoulders and chest.
- Nourishes body's resistance to back and hip injuries.
- Helps to calm brain cells.
- Improves functionality of the digestive organs.
- Helps improve alignment of the body.
- Provides a mild stretch to hamstrings.
- Releases the stress or tightness from the neck, shoulders, back, and hips.
- Keeps legs active, when feet flexed, toes and knees up, spine erect, and the arms are active and stretched.
- Opens the hips and increases spine flexibility, counteracting the effects of a hunched back.

LIMITATIONS

- People who have injury in the neck, shoulders, lower back, hips, pelvic floor muscles, or problems related to internal organs, and migraine, avoid this.
- Pregnant women and thise new to yoga can practise sitting on a blanket or cushion.
- Folded blanket or pillow beneath the buttocks can help beginners.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

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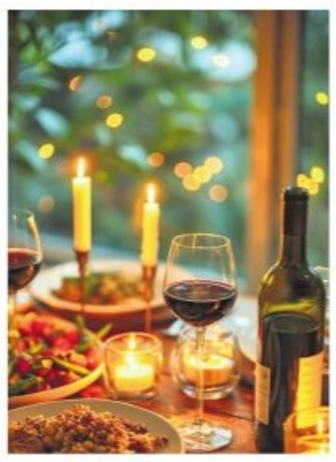

Candlelit Romance

Transform your Monday with a candle light dinner, enjoying exquisite cuisine and craft beverages. Indulge in a romantic evening with a cosy ambiance.

WHEN: September 30, 8pm
WHERE: Gold Rush Brews, Krishnarajapura
DETAILS: goldrushbrews.com

Beats Unite

Join DJ Wizy for an electrifying EDM night. Turn Monday blues into vibrant energy with MRP Nights and non-stop music.

WHEN: September 30, 10pm
WHERE: Loft 38, Indira Nagar
CALL: 88845 32000

Adventure Awaits

Embark on an unforgettable journey to the serene landscapes of Kodagu. Renowned for its lush green hills, aromatic coffee plantations, and scenic waterfalls, Kodagu offers the ideal retreat from the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

WHEN: September 30, 8pm **WHERE:** Café Down The Alley, Rajarajeshwari Nagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Comedy Night

Laugh your way into the evening with Daily Funnies, featuring hilarious performances by Bengaluru's top comedians. Kick-start your night in the best way with rib-tickling jokes and witty stories.

WHEN: September 30, 9.30pm
WHERE: The Art Gully Studio, Koramangala
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Time Captured

Explore the enchanting realm of Golden Drift Resin Clock Art by crafting a unique masterpiece. Learn to create a resin clock featuring a blend of golden accents and mystical black and white waves.

WHEN: September 30, 5pm
WHERE: Art Beat Studio, JP Nagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Oktoberfest Carnival

Experience the travelling Oktoberfest carnival with traditional dishes like pork schnitzel, bratwurst hotdog, cajun spiced onion rings, and more. Pair these with craft beers for an authentic Oktoberfest celebration.

WHEN: Till October 3, 3pm onwards
WHERE: Hydeout, Sheraton Grand Bangalore Hotel, Brigade Gateway
CALL: 95919 96959

Puzzles & Fun

Attend this jigsaw puzzle event for a relaxed, off-screen afternoon in a social setting. Solve curated puzzles from Playful Pursuits, enjoy solo or group puzzling, and compete for bragging rights in a friendly contest.

WHEN: October 6, 2pm
WHERE: Courtyard Koota, Kengeri
DETAILS: courtyardkoota.com

ARTCORNER

SHELF LIFE

For nearly two decades, painter Alok Johri has worked on still lifes. There is a sense of intimacy in his everyday objects as seen in his oil painting, 'It's All Drinking Water', imbued as they are with an energy that elevates them beyond mere objects, offering a window into the life he has lived.

GAJAR MOTICHOOR LADDU

INGREDIENTS

- **Winter carrots:** 2, big
- **Jaggery powder/Brown sugar:** 1 cup
- **Cardamom powder:** 1/4 tsp
- **Dry ginger powder:** 1/4 tsp
- **Nuts/seeds:** 3 tsp, finely chopped

METHOD

1. Peel the carrots and mince them to a fine consistency in a vegetable shredder. The carrot size should look like a motichoor.
2. Heat a heavy bottom pan. Add the minced carrots to the pan and roast them while tossing periodically on medium heat.
3. After about five minutes when the carrots are soft, add the jaggery powder/ brown sugar, mix well and allow it to cook for some time.
4. Sprinkle cardamom powder, nuts, and ginger powder.
5. On medium heat, cook till the carrots get to a binding consistency.
6. Try making a small laddu to check if it's ready to bind. If not, cook for a few more minutes.
7. Allow this mixture to cool for a minute before making the laddus.

DATES POLI

INGREDIENTS

- **Peanut:** 1/2 cup
- **Sesame seeds:** 1/4 cup
- **Fresh coconut:** 1 cup
- **Dates:** 2.5 cups, deseeded
- **Ginger powder:** 1/4 tsp
- **Cardamom powder:** 1/4 tsp

METHOD

1. Dry roast all ingredients except dates. Allow them to cool and blend them to fine powder along with dates.
2. Depending on the softness of dates, the paste will be soft or moist. If needed, add very little water while blending. The filling is ready.
3. Knead two cups of wheat flour to a semi-hard consistency. Leave it for 30 minutes.
4. Make small round balls of dough. Make a small depression in it and add sufficient filling.
5. Gently wrap the dough around the filling and roll the poli to thin/thick.
6. Heat a pan and slow cook the poli on both sides.
7. Sprinkle a little oil (optional) while cooking.

SABUDANA APPLE KHEER

INGREDIENTS

- **Any nut mylk:** 2 cups
- **Sabudana:** 3/4 cup, soaked
- **Custard apple:** 1 cup, deseeded and mashed
- **Cardamom powder:** 1/4 tsp
- **Saffron:** a few strands
- **Mixed seeds, roasted:** for garnish

METHOD

1. Soak sabudana in water for three to four hours.
2. Heat a little oil in a pan and cook sabudana till they become transparent.
3. Add thick nut mylk, cardamom powder, and saffron and mix well.
4. Let it cook for a few minutes. Be careful not to boil the mylk.
5. Remove from the heat and add mashed custard apple.
6. Serve in bowls and garnish with roasted mixed seeds.

Tasty take on tradition

This Navratri, give a vegan twist to your favourite sweets with these guilt-free, dairy-free, and flourless recipes that honour both tradition and wellness

Recipes courtesy of Saritha Sreedharan, nutritionist

BADAM HALWA

INGREDIENTS

- **Almond:** 1 cup
- **Jaggery powder:** 3/4 cup
- **Water:** 1/2 cup
- **Cardamom powder:** 1/2 tsp
- **Saffron:** a few strands
- **Any nut mylk:** 1/2 cup

METHOD

1. Powder almonds finely, do not remove the peel.
2. Use a pan with a handle. Add all the above ingredients to the pan. Mix well.
3. On medium heat, cook by stirring periodically.
4. As the almonds cook, the oil from the nuts is released, which is sufficient for the halwa. Cook till you get a halwa consistency.
5. Transfer to a bowl while it is still warm. Garnish with any crushed seeds.
6. The halwa can be stored for three days in a refrigerator.
7. You can choose to add fresh mango pulp as a topping.

Inked impressions through time

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THINK tattoos and the first image that comes to mind are myriad versions of WWE wrestlers on superbikes, their inked dragons and cupid's arrows glistening in the sun on sweat-stained arms that bulge from the weight of their muscles. It is a style statement that simply cannot be ignored. It sets you apart from the crowd, could also permanently damage your prospects for that dream corporate job, and sometimes, it could even seal your fate forever if stuck with an obviously tattooed name of a love long gone.

For most of us who carry this fixed image of tattooed biceps in mind, it must surely come as a surprise to know that humans have been using their skins as canvases for thousands of years. Egyptians were thought to be the earliest tattoo artists with the inked mummies providing proof of this. And then, excavating a 5,300-year-old Iceman near the Italian-Austrian border threw those beliefs out the window. The Iceman's frozen body was covered with 57 tattoos, which seemed to be made of soot! There barely existed a culture in the millennia that did not practice tattooing, although the reasons varied across communities. The ancient Egyptians marked their women with ink, while the ancient Greeks initially, used tattoos as a way to communicate among spies and later, used them to mark slaves and criminals to prevent them from escaping. The Romans soon adopted this practice too. Some civilisations like the Mayans used them for rituals whereas early Europeans marked themselves to indicate that they desired a Christian burial.

India's tattooing history dates back to prehistoric times and spans thousands of years. Rock paintings that are almost 10,000 years old show figures adorned with body art. Historical texts and artefacts left behind are the only evidence of such practices in ancient times, due to the dearth of human skin from those periods. Archaeological evidence unearthed from the Indus Valley civilisation sites has revealed figurines with body art. Gradually over time, tattoos became a stamp of one's identity, especially among tribal and rural communities in mediaeval India.

When the country had to succumb to the rule of the colonisers, these indigenous traditions were looked down upon, by the British especially, as being too primitive. However, they could not break through the persistence of these communities in upholding their traditions. Their resilience shone through and kept it alive. There may not be any Indian household that does not own the memory of an obsolete ancestor with an indelible ink mark on their arms. Women considered it as a beauty enhancer and wore it with pride. Modern India has seen a resurgence of interest in tattoo art in urban society, with the turn of the millennium. It has been sought after as a means of self-expression and the perfect way to quietly rebel by proclaiming one's personal beliefs with unerasable statements on skin.

The human body has been man's first canvas. The indelible tattoo has survived across time and cultures and will continue to do so, telling the stories of our evolution. Time to get yourself one to tell your story!

(The writer's views are personal)

NUGGETS

Athletics federation to organise run

The Master Athletics Federation of India announced the upcoming National Masters Run in Bangalore. The event aims to promote athleticism among master athletes. Attendees included Joint Secretary Vijaya Kumar, Accountant Narasimhaiah, President Lakshmi Narayan, Secretary General David Premnath, and Director Raghuram from Techplay.

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AFFIDAVIT

I, **ABHISHEK KIRANKUMAR RAWAL**, S/o Kiran Kumar Rawal, age 26 years, R/at No. 176, Kilari Road, Opp. to Quality Bar & Restaurant, Bengaluru-560 053 do hereby declare that in my passport my name was to be registered as **ABHISHEK KIRANKUMAR RAWAL**, but while obtaining the passport, the suffix i.e. **RAWAL** is missed out and my father's name **KIRAN KUMAR RAWAL** is wrongly recorded as **KIRAN KUMAR RAVAL**, i.e. the suffix **RAWAL** is wrongly recorded as **RAVAL**, I wish to correct my name to **ABHISHEK KIRANKUMAR RAWAL** and father name to **KIRAN KUMAR RAWAL** in my passport during renewal, vide affidavit dated 25-09-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **K.C. GOWTHAMI** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **AYYANKI CHANDRASEKHARAJAD**, S/o Musalaiah Ayyanki, aged about 38 years, Residing at No. 80, 1st Cross, Kannuramma Temple Road, Devinagar, RMV Extension 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560094, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **CHANDRASEKHAR AJAD** to **AYYANKI CHANDRASEKHARAJAD** henceforth I shall be known and called as **AYYANKI CHANDRASEKHARAJAD** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 28/09/2024 sworn before Advocate and Notary **JALANDHARA**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RADHAMANI**, spouse of Master Warrant Officer Honarary Flying Officer (Retd) Late **K SUBBA RAO** (Regimental Number: 206907), resident of No. 8, 5th Cross, Puttaiah Compound, Ashwath Nagar, RMV Extension PO, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560094, have changed my name from **RADHAMANI** to **RADHA SUBBARAO** vide affidavit dated 27-09-2024 before Notary **JALANDHARA** at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ASIF ABDL ZAHIR SHAIKH, S/o Abdul Zaheer Shaikh, aged 39 years, residing at: No. 23/12-1, 17th Cross, 10th Main Road, Near Mustaf Masjid, Padarayanapura, Bangalore-560026, have changed my name from **ASIF SHAIKH** to **ASIF ABDL ZAHIR SHAIKH,** vide affidavit dated 24/8/2024 sworn before B.M.Chandrashekar advocate and notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **KM MAMTA**, W/o. Amit Kumar Pandey, Residing at Flat No. BS22, Ittina Neela Apartment, Near Gold Coin Club, Ananth Nagar Phase 2, Bengaluru -560100, have changed my name to **MAMTA AMIT KUMAR PANDEY** vide affidavit dated: 28.09.2024 before notary GANGARAJU .B.N., Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **GERRARD MICHAEL MICHAEL**, S/o. MICHAEL STEVEN JOSEPH, Resident of No.23, Mallappa Layout, Seegenahalli, K.R. Puram, Virgonagar Post, Bangalore - 560049. I state that I have changed my name from **GERRARD MICHAEL MICHAEL** to **GERAD MICHAEEL,** Vide affidavit dated, 26.09.2024, sworn before C.Santhosh, Notary Public, at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SUBRAHMANYA MALUGODU VENKATACHALA** S/o M.N.Venkatachala residing at 439, 16th Cross, 11th Main, Poorna Pragna Layout, Uttarahalli, Bengaluru - 560061, have corrected my name from **SUBRAMHANYA VENKATACHALA MALUGODU** to **SUBRAHMANYA VENKATACHALA MALUGODU** vide Affidavit dated 28.09.2024 sworn before a notary H.G.Padmanabha Rao, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **NANDISH REDDY S,** Resident RBW Nivas, Margondanahalli, K.R. Puram, Bengaluru-560036, Karnataka. do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **NANDEESH REDDY** to **NANDISH REDDY S** henceforth I shall be known and called as **NANDISH REDDY S,** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 27/09/2024 sworn before Advocate and Notary **G. RAJENDRA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **K.V. DHINKAR RAJ,** S/o K.V. Vishwanathan, age 51 yers, R/at Flat No. 204, Raj Residency, #62, 10th Cross, Opp. Indian Public School, Kanaka Nagar, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560 032, do hereby declare that I have changed my son's name from **SUHHAS .D KOTA** to **SUHHAS D,** surname **KOTA** to be removed, henceforth he shall be known and called as **SUHHAS D** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 26/09/2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **K.C. GOWTHAMI** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SHIVANANDA PATIL, S/o Virupakshagouda Patil. R/at. No 274 1st Main Road, 2nd Cross, G M R Layout, Geddalahalli, Sanjayangar, Bengaluru-560094. I have changed my name from **SHIVANANDA PATIL** to **SHIVANAGOUDA PATIL** for all future purposes. Vide affidavit Dt: 27/09/2024 Sworn before notary G Dayananda Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, TANYA LATH, D/O AMITABH LATH, No. 14, 2nd Floor, Ranjan Nilaya, 2nd A Cross, Balaji Enclave, Doddanekkundi, Marathahalli, Bengaluru-560037, have changed my name from **TULIKA LATH** to **TANYA LATH,** vide affidavit dated 24/9/2024 sworn to before K.V.Jagannath Reddy advocate and notary Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **KRISHNAPPA GOWDA** (Passport No. L7300451) #14, 1st Cross, Koliform Gate Main Road, Near Shanimatma Temple Road, Near Pavan Colony, Bangalore South, Gottigere, Bangalore-560083. hereby declare that my names **KRISHNAPPA GOWDA PUTTASWAMY** and **KRISHNAPPA GOWDA** belongs to me only, and all names belongs to one and the same person. Vide Affidavit dated 27.09.2024 sworn before Advocate & Notary B.H. Rajendra., Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) SANDHYA** Residing at No. W/o Venkatesh Gopal, No.4, Behind Hume Pipe Ltd, Vikas Layout, Yelahanka, Bangalore - 560064. Have changed my Name from **(OLD NAME) SANDHYA** to **(NEW NAME) SANDHYA KRISHNAMURTHY** Vide Affidavit Dated 28.09.2024 sworn before Notary K.C. Shashikala Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, D.V. Kavitha W/o late B. Mallarappa R/o quarters #1, Special Type IV, Ulsoor, 5A Kensington Road, Bangalore- 560008 declare that my daughter' Name is KHUSHI KAJOL DEVATHA OMKAR (DOB: 02.03.2011) in her Education records her Father's Name wrongly recorded as P B MYLARAPPA instead of B MAILARAPPA vide affidavit dated 27.9.2024 before VI Addl Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru City.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **PRAVEEN BALIKAI**, S/o Shanmukappa, age 36 years, R/at No. 38, Basava Niketan, Kotiling Nagar, Behind KSRTC Rural Depo, Hubli, Dharwad, Karnataka-580024. do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **PRAVEEN S BALIKAI** and **PRAVEEN SHANMUKAPPA BALIKAI** to **PRAVEEN BALIKAI**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **PRAVEEN BALIKAI** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 27th Sept. 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MAHESHA .J.J,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MANOHAR C** S/o **CHAGANLAL** R/at No. 629/17 8th Cross Maruthinagar Sonnenahalli Ullu Bengaluru - 560056 have changed my name to **MANOHAR KUMAR** vide affidavit dated: 28/9/2024 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SHRUTI MENASAGI, W/o Shivanagouda Patil. R/at No 274, 1st Main Road, 2nd Cross, G M R Layout, Geddalahalli, Sanjayangar, Bengaluru-560094. I have changed my name from **SHRUTI MENASAGI** to **SHRUTI PATIL** for all future purposes. Vide affidavit Dt: 27/09/2024 Sworn before notary G Dayananda Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **JUWERIYA BANU** W/o **MUWAZ B KAROLI** R/o Sharadhamma Building, near Pallekamma Temple Anchepalya Srikantapura, Nagasandra Post Bengaluru - 560073, have changed my name from **JUWERIYA BANU** to **JAVERIYA BANU**, vide affidavit dated 25.09.2024, sworn before notary T.V. Bhadravijaya, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, V SASI, is the Wife of Service No. 15324691F, Rank: HAV, Name: DHILIP KUMAR K. Unit: HQ MEG & CENTRE, resident of House: C/O 8/2, MGR Nagar, 2nd street, Vellore, Tamil Nadu-632002 today camping at Bengaluru, I have changed my name from D SASI to V SASI Vide Affidavit dated 28.09.2024 sworn before Advocate & Notary Prasad Shetty K.B., Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

We, **CHANDRASHEKAR,** aged 42 years and **RENUKA,** aged about 39 years, we both are R/at #9/5, Mathrusree Nilaya, Kempanahalli, Yelahanka Hobli, Attur, Bangalore - 560064, have changed my name from **CHANDRASHEKAR** (old name) to **CHANDRASHEKAR N** (new name) And **RENUKA** (old name) to **RENUKA CHANDRASHEKAR** (new name) vide affidavit dated 25-09-2024, sworn before notary S.R. Ravikumar, Bangalore-40.

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ANIMATION SERVED AS A BLUEPRINT FOR 45

says music composer-turned-director Arjun Janya, revealing that it took one and a half years to create the animation and just 106 days to shoot the actual film

A SHARADHAA

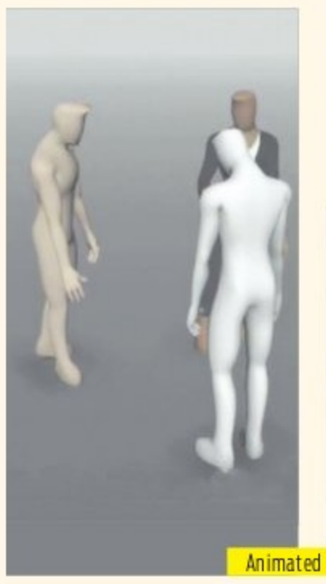
ARJUN Janya, celebrated as the magical composer of the Kannada film industry, has made a bold leap into filmmaking with his ambitious pan-Indian project, *45*, produced by Ramesh Reddy. The film, featuring the powerhouse trio of Shivarajkumar, Upendra, and Raj B Shetty, has just wrapped up shooting. Arjun revealed that the inspiration behind *45* came from a deeply personal place—his late brother, Kiran, who passed away during the Covid pandemic.

Santana Dharma will serve as an underlying layer throughout the narrative

In an exclusive chat with CE, Arjun shared his unique vision for the film. He describes the qualities of the lead actors, comparing them to deities, stating, "Uppi (Upendra) sir is like Brahma, guiding me; Raj B Shetty is Vishnu, versatile and adaptable; and Shivanna embodies Maheshwara, showing devotion and sincerity." While he intends to keep some details under wraps until the release, it's clear that the film is infused with significant themes. Arjun emphasised that *45* is a commercial film, but Santana Dharma will serve as an underlying layer throughout the narrative. "We want to bring back the traditions that resonate with the current generation," he states.

I never knew how to tell a story properly

Initially, Arjun never intended to direct. "I never knew how to tell a story properly. I would spend one and a half hours explaining my story and screenplay to actors," he admits. It was Shivarajkumar who encouraged him to take the plunge, insisting that he could balance both music and direction. "After all that effort, Shivanna asked, 'You want someone else to direct?' That pushed me to take charge," Arjun recalls.


Animated visuals

I created three versions of the animated film at ₹40 lakhs

Arjun explains that his directorial debut is particularly fascinating because of his preparation process. Before filming, he created a complete animated version of the film—a first in the Kannada industry and a pioneering effort worldwide. "We've heard of storyboards, but this is the first time an entire film has been pre-visualised in animation," Arjun states proudly.

The animation took a year and a half to complete, while the actual filming was done in just 106 days. "Because of the animation, we saved about 100 days of shooting," he explains. Arjun reveals that this innovative approach cut production costs and ensured a smoother filming process. "Typically, we say the first half of a film is good and the second half lags, and something we could address in the animation stage," he notes, mentioning that he created three versions of the animated film at Rs 40 lakhs.

While creating the animation was stressful, Arjun found the actual filming much easier. "*45* became more or less a two-project venture, but the animated film was crucial in guiding the direction of the live-action shoot," he says, adding, "The animated film will be released after the actual film, and it will be helpful to filmmakers."

Arjun Janya

Ramesh Reddy

Upendra praises Shivanna as the 'Simplest Star'

Actor-director Upendra, who has maintained a strong bond with Shivarajkumar since they collaborated on the film Om, holds high praise for the superstar, calling him the 'simplest' star with wonderful positive energy. "Shivanna is one of the simplest stars I've met. His presence makes everyone feel comfortable and happy," Upendra shared.

Working together on the multi-starrer *45*, alongside Shivarajkumar and Raj B Shetty, Upendra also admired director Arjun Janya for his impressive planning and execution. The film was completed in just 106 days, showcasing a Hollywood-style approach to filmmaking.

Expressing admiration for Arjun Janya's meticulous planning, Upendra stated, "I've always heard about Hollywood's detailed preparation, but seeing it in *45* was a revelation. Arjun's confidence has inspired me, and from now on, we will compete as directors."

Raj B Shetty: I grew up watching Shivanna and Upendra's films as a fan

RAJ B Shetty expresses his gratitude for the opportunity to work alongside his idols, Dr. Shivarajkumar and Upendra, in Arjun Janya's *45*. During a media interaction discussing his experience, he described it as a valuable learning journey, akin to attending university.

"I grew up watching Shivanna and Upendra's films as a fan. I would enjoy their performances and even whistle while watching," Raj shared. He fondly recalls being enchanted by Upendra's directorial posters, saying, "I would look at them and wonder about the creativity behind it."

Although he had never imagined becoming an actor, Raj felt incredibly fortunate to have shared the screen with these legends. "I can confidently say that *45* will be a proud Kannada film. Working on it felt like I was living a dream," he noted. He added, "The only sad part is that the shooting has wrapped up."

Raj praised director Arjun Janya's vision, explaining the difference between dreaming of making a movie and actually realising that dream. "Watching Shivanna, Upendra, and Arjun at work during breaks was truly inspiring," he said.

Shivarajkumar: It never felt like It was Arjun Janya's first time as a director

SHIVARAJKUMAR has high hopes for *45* and says director Arjun Janya was initially hesitant about directing his own story. When Arjun suggested giving the story to someone else, Shivanna encouraged him to take the reins. "I was completely blown away by the story, and when I pushed him to direct it, everything started falling into place," he shared.

Shivanna described the filmmaking journey as heavenly, praising Arjun's preparation and dedication. "It never felt like it was his first time as a director," he added, highlighting the hard work of cinematographer Satya Hedge and stunt director K Ravi Varma. Featuring Shivarajkumar, Upendra, and Raj B Shetty, *45* is set to be one of India's top action films. Shivarajkumar confidently stated, "Everyone will notice the impressive work that has gone into *45*."

Minchu Hula sets October release date

CE FEATURES

THE illustrious lineage of Dr Rajkumar is once again coming to the forefront with *Minchu Hula*, which marks the debut of Prithviraj, the grandson of Dr Rajkumar's brother Varadappa. This content-driven film is directed by Mahesh Kumar who has also scripted the project. The director has now announced that *Minchu Hula* will hit theatres on October 4.

Produced by Rajagopal Doddahullur under the Bhoomi Pictures banner along with the support of Vijay Kumar and Abdul Rafeeq Ullah, the film is bolstered by the support of National Award winner Doddahullur Rukkoji Rao, who has a deep-rooted connection to the Rajkumar legacy.

Producer Rajagopal Doddahullur revealed the serendipitous nature of the project, stating, "I hadn't planned to make a film. It was my childhood friend Rukkoji who inspired this journey."

Set against a bustling urban backdrop, *Minchu Hula* delves into the tumultuous relationship between an abusive father and his son. When the family is forced to relocate to a dilapidated house, the son's unwavering resolve to restore electricity ignites a transformative journey, inspired by the ethereal glow of a firefly.

A still from the film

FILM WITH DEATHSTROKE AND BANE IN DEVELOPMENT AT DC STUDIOS

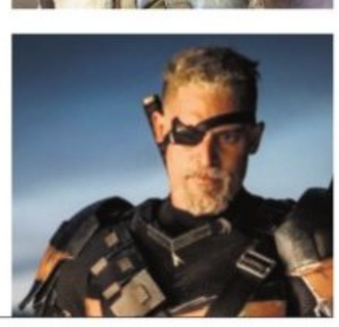
CE FEATURES

DC Studios is developing a film with Batman nemeses Deathstroke and Bane, according to The Hollywood Reporter. The studio has tapped Matthew Orton of Moon Knight fame to write the screenplay for the feature film. Still in an early phase of development, the project is yet to have a director or actors onboard. DC Studios' heads Peter Safran and James Gunn have clarified that they would approve a project only if they felt satisfied with its complete script.

There have been DC adaptations with Deathstroke and Bane. A mercenary and recurring Batman rival, also called Slade Wilson, Deathstroke has most often been the main Teen Titans villain. Joe Manganiello appeared briefly in the post-credits of Justice League and Zack Snyder's Justice League. Esai Morales and Manu Bennett also played it in the shows Titans and Arrow, respectively.

On the other hand, Bane appeared as a villain in Batman and Robin (Robert Swenson), the Batman prequel show Gotham (Shane West), and Christopher Nolan's The Dark Knight Rises (Tom Hardy).

Orton's upcoming projects as a writer include Captain America: Brave New World, starring Anthony Mackie in the titular role and Harrison Ford, among others.



Hilary Swank joins *Yellowjackets season 3*

CE FEATURES

IN late August, actor Joel McHale joined *Yellowjackets season 3* in a guest role. Now, Hilary Swank, known for her Oscar-winning roles in Million Dollar Baby and Boys Don't Cry, has also been added to the cast in a "recurring guest star" role, according to a Deadline report. The makers of the Paramount+ with Showtime series are yet to reveal Swank's character details. She will join existing cast members Sophie Nelisse, Melanie Lynskey, Juliette Lewis, Christina Ricci, Samantha Hanratty, Tawny Cypress, Jasmin Savoy Brown, Sophie Thatcher, Courtney Eaton, Lauren Ambrose, Liv Hewson, Steven Krueger, Warren Kole, and Kevin Alves.

According to its official description, Yellowjackets is the "saga of a team of wildly talented high school girls soccer players who become the (un) lucky survivors of a plane crash deep in the remote northern wilderness. The series chronicles their descent from a complicated but thriving team to savage clans, while also tracking the lives they've attempted to piece back together nearly 25 years later, proving that the past is never really past and what began out in the wilderness is far from over."

Created by Bart Nickerson and Ashley Lyle, Yellowjackets has earned 10 Emmy Award nods, which include two nominations for Lynskey for outstanding lead actress in a drama.